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SIN launches online professor ranking system



LAUREN PUTNOCKY • THE FLAT HAT

Senior Michael Weissberger is one of the architects of SIN's professor ranking system.

BY BEN LOCHER

FLAT HAT STAFF WRITER

In an attempt to make it easier to find out what fellow students think about potential classes, the Student Information Network recently opened a new service called SIN Rank, which lets users rank their professors and leave comments about their classes.

The new initiative was the brainchild of Director of SIN senior Michael Weissberger.

"I'm a transfer student from the University of Pennsylvania," he said. "They had a similar idea there. Based on evaluation forms [that the students filled out], the school compiled statistics and comments about professors and distributed a book with all that information. It was really helpful in picking courses. That's where I got the idea."

Weissberger, along with SIN Systems Administrator Keoki Seu, spent hundreds of hours during the summer and this semester writing the computer code for the site. The result is a system that has 150 regular users, a number they said they hope to see increase.

"One of our goals was that when students register for classes they would be able to look at testimonials of other students and use it to decide whether or not they will take the class," Seu said. "Right now we are getting a lot of positive comments, but we need to get the word out to get more people using it [in order to accomplish that]."

In fact, Weissberger and Seu said they hope that the SIN Rank program will replace national services like RateMyProfessor.com, which they say lack crucial features.

"We've taken all of the classes and pro-

fessors at William and Mary and put them into our computer system," Seu added. "Unlike RateMyProfessor, you don't have to add a class or professor. It is completely tailored specifically to [the] William and Mary community."

Weissberger noted several more unique features that contribute to the system.

"Rank is quite a bit more in depth than RateMyProfessor.com," he said. "It allows the students to post anecdotal comments, it links professors with specific classes and it compiles statistics across departments."

Once enough people sign up and submit rankings, Weissberger and Seu said they plan to compile various reports and present aggregate data on the site.

"My hope is that when it comes time to register, students will have enough data to

better pick courses from the lists of what they need to take," Weissberger said. "For instance I might know I want to take a religion class, but I don't know which class in the department is particularly good. Now it's easy to log on to SIN and see what other people think."

Seu added that he thought student's predictions and reports about grades would also be a major benefit of the system.

"By the end of the semester, we hope to present more graphs and charts of the aggregate data," he said. "For example, one of the questions we ask students is what grade they got or expect to get in the class. Then we will be able to show the average grade for a class, or for a professor, even for a department, thus providing a way to measure how difficult that class, professor or department is."

Senators pass voting, dorm safety legislation

By Michael J. Schobel

FLAT HAT ASST. NEWS EDITOR

The Student Assembly senate passed legislation to limit illegitimate voting in student elections and to investigate the installation of peepholes in dormitories at last week's session, held Oct. 6. Part of the session deteriorated into bickering that led sophomore Sen. Jessica Zappia to say she was concerned about personal politics obstructing the legislative process.

Following the approval of the previous week's minutes, the meeting opened with committee updates. None of the committees had anything to report, though sophomore Sen. Scott Fitzgerald, chairman of the Constitutional and Electoral Committee said that he had been the only member to attend the last meeting. Zappia said she wanted to correct the difficulties of members who had other obligations by setting a standard meeting time for the Finance and Budget Committee.

The senate passed two bills last week, one of which was the Student Elections Voter Confirmation Act, intended to prevent non-students from voting in student elections. According to the senate, before the passage of the bill, anyone with a College e-mail address could log onto the Student Information Network and vote. The bill charges the Department of College Policy with maintaining a list of student names. The bill passed 16-1-2.

Junior Sen. Jon Adams introduced a bill to investigate the feasibility of installing peepholes in dormitory doors. Adams said that an episode had occurred the previous weekend in which an individual broke into Landrum Hall and tracked blood up the stairs. Residents reported hearing noises but could not look out their doors without opening them, Adams said. Facilities management estimates the costs of peephole installation at \$8 apiece, according to Adams. The bill passed 17-0-2.

Among other new legislation, sophomore Sen. Victor Sulkowski introduced the Moratorium on Expired Bills Act. Billed by Sulkowski as the completion of a process begun with the GEAR Act, this new act would create an ad hoc committee comprised of several SA members, including the SA president and vice president who would review the code of the SA and close it to additional bills.

Several senators spoke against the Moratorium on Expired Bills Act during the debate. Senate Chairman junior Matt Wigginton said that while he generally agrees with the act's intent, the Constitutional and Electoral committee already performs the functions of the proposed ad hoc committee and merely complicates bureaucracy. Other senators complained that the SA is becoming caught up in internal affairs.

"Do we need a bill to let him breathe?" senior Sen. Sean Murphy asked about Director of Internal Affairs sophomore James Evans. "I think it's more important to address concerns of students than figuring out the best way to file bills in the SA

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THERE'S NO 'PUFF' IN THIS GAME



LAUREN BRYANT • THE FLAT HAT

The juniors kept their Powderpuff winning streak, held since freshman year, by beating the Class of 2008 last night. They were finally defeated later by the senior class 16-0.

Marshall-Wythe presents medal, hires new faculty

Author, activist wins law school's highest award

BY JOSH PINKERTON

THE FLAT HAT

The Law School presented its highest accolade, the Marshall-Wythe Medallion, to Derrick Bell in recognition of his distinguished career as an author, professor and civil rights activist. The 2004-2005 edition of the medallion was awarded to Bell at a banquet Sept. 28.

Bell was given the award after delivering a lecture on his latest book, "Silent Covenants: Brown v. Board of Education and the Unfulfilled Hopes of Racial Reform." The book discusses the effects and limitations of the 1954 landmark desegregation case.

"Brown v. Board of Education was a

dramatic instance of a remedy that promised to correct deficiencies in justice far deeper than the Supreme Court was able to understand," Bell wrote in the introduction to his book. "Understanding those deficiencies more fully and suggesting how we should address them is the challenge of this book."

Law School Dean Taylor Reveley said he had high praise for Bell's accomplishments.

"Derrick Bell does stand squarely in our grand tradition of Marshall-Wythe Medallion recipients," Reveley said. "He has lived a life rich with meaning and his actions have shown us how to nourish the

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Dean Taylor Reveley presents professor Derrick Bell with the Marshall-Wythe Medallion.

Scholar of constitution, bill of rights hired by Marshall-Wythe as school's newest professor

BY JILL CLARE

THE FLAT HAT

Prominent constitutional law scholar William Van Alstyne joined the College community this fall as the William and Mary Marshall-Wythe School of Law's new Lee Professor of Law.

Van Alstyne came from Duke Law School, where he had been a member of the faculty for 39 years. He was the William R. and Thomas S. Perkins Professor of Law there from 1974 to 2004.

"Professor Van Alstyne is undoubtedly among the leading constitutional scholars of this country," Michael J. Gerhardt, Hanson Professor at the College, said. "He has written authoritatively on just about every conceivable subject of constitutional law, and he has distinguished himself as an independent, nonpartisan, profound commentator on constitutional events."

Van Alstyne has seen many of his articles published in leading law journals and books. He is the author of "The American First Amendment in the Twenty-First Century," a principal textbook in its field.

Prior to his service on the faculty at Duke, Van Alstyne has been involved in a number of different organizations and has served at a number of different schools. He has been a Fulbright Fellow in China, a Senior Fellow at Yale and a visiting faculty member at law schools across the nation. He also served on the

national Board of Directors of the ACLU for four years, was president of the American Association of University Professors for two years and was the Association's General Counsel for four years. He also chaired the Association of American Law School's Committee on Academic Freedom for two years.

In recognition of all of these achievements, Van Alstyne was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1994.

According to polls of his peers, Van Alstyne has twice been chosen as being among the most qualified for appointment

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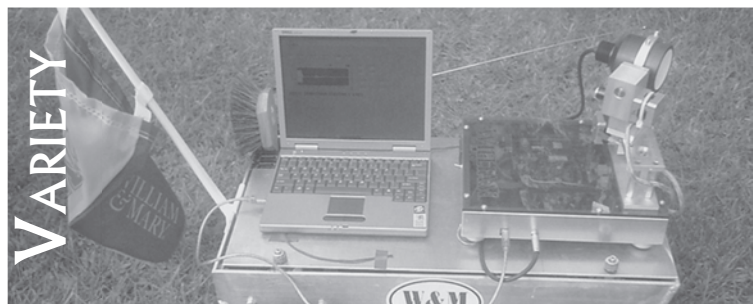
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Constitutional scholar William Van Alstyne has been hired as the newest member of the College's law school faculty.

“Political language ... is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind.”

GEORGE ORWELL
BARTLETT'S FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS

Inside this week's issue



Applied science graduate students built a motorized robot that can sense trees and brick paths.
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Death Cab for Cutie, Neil Young and others rock in the name of Freedom.
See Rock, page 11.



“In reality the booksale system is flawed and is not the best system for the student body.”
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The Tribe men's soccer team improved their record with a tie and win for an overall 7-2-3.
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Looking for a place to get a great steak? Or how about a fancy French restaurant for that hot date? The Flat Hat's guide to dining in the Williamsburg area can now be found online. Find something for all tastes, from burgers to foie gras.
See http://flatat.wm.edu/view_story.php?id=3

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In the October 1 editorial, The Flat Hat incorrectly implied that absentee ballots are not counted unless the results of an electoral race were close. For an exact description of how absentee ballots are counted, please visit <http://www.fec.gov/pages/fajabsentee.htm>.

Beyond the 'Burg

♦ OHIO STATE STUDY GIVES
NEW INSIGHT ON MEMORY

(U-WIRE) COLUMBUS, Ohio — A new Ohio State University research study, sponsored by a grant from the National Science Foundation, suggests that in certain situations, children have better memory than adults.

The studies, planned over the past two years by Vladimir Sloutsky, director of the Center for Cognitive Research at Ohio State, and Anna Fisher, a graduate student at OSU, and conducted by research teams, have shown that the previously held belief that adults always have better memory than children is not always true.

The experiments, in which both the subjects and the researchers were blind to the purpose of the experiment, were conducted in daycare centers and preschools around Columbus. Researchers brought laptop computers complete with a memory test game to the children.

“Children were given permission slips before the experiments were conducted and only the ones whose parents signed those slips were allowed to participate,” Meredith Inamdar, a research assistant at OSU, said.

Adult subjects were drawn from students 18 years and older enrolled in Psychology 101 courses. These experiments have been replicated by the Sloutsky-Fisher team at least three times over the past two years.

“We spend most of the summer recruiting preschools and daycare centers in the Columbus area,” Inamdar said.

In one study, 77 children and 71 college students were shown 30 pictures of cats, bears and birds. A few of the subjects were shown a picture of a cat and then told that the cat had beta cells inside its body. After this step, all of the subjects were shown 30 pictures, one right after another, and were asked if each animal had beta cells inside its body.

After this stage, participants were shown 28 pictures, one at a time, as before, and asked by researchers whether or not the picture was old, meaning they had seen it during the previous part of the experiment, or new, meaning they had never seen it before.

Children had a 31 percent accuracy rate at saying whether or not the picture was new or old, compared to adults who had a 7 percent accuracy rate in the same trial.

— By Christopher Carnivale, The Lantern (Ohio State U.)
— compiled by michael j. schobel

WEEKEND
WEATHER

Friday

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Low 49°

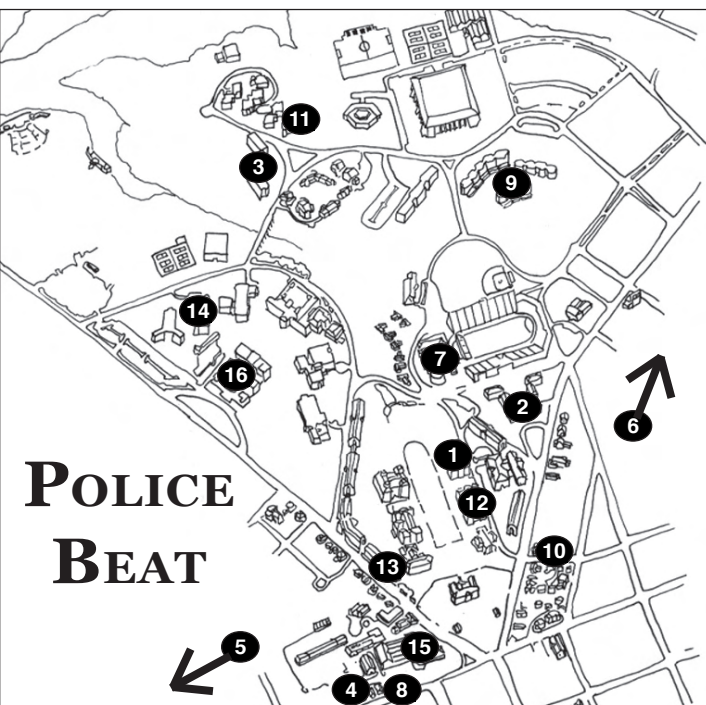
Saturday

High 69°
Low 43°

Sunday

High 65°
Low 45°

Source: www.weather.com



Friday, Oct. 1 — Larceny of a bicycle was reported at James Blair Hall. The estimated value was \$175. 1

Tuesday, Oct 5 — Larceny of laundry was reported at Camm Hall. The estimated value was \$200. 2

Wednesday, Oct. 6 — A suspicious incident was reported at DuPont Hall. A person allegedly entered a student's unoccupied room. Nothing was reported missing. 3

Thursday, Oct. 7 — There were four separate incidents re-

ported of parking decals being stolen from parking services. The estimated values were \$170 each. 4

— A suspicious person was reported at the Graduate Apartment Complex. 5

Friday, Oct. 8 — A student reported suspicious behavior at Munford Hall in the Dillard Complex. According to a student ID check, the suspicious students belonged to the campus sketch comedy group 7th Grade. 6

— An accidental injury was reported at the University Center. A dining services employee was burned by grease and received first and second degree burns. 7

— Vandalism was reported at Hunt Hall. Damage to a student's door was estimated at \$395. 8

Saturday, Oct. 9 — Larceny of an X-Box and DVDs was reported at Sigma Pi. The estimated value of the items was \$150. 9

Monday, Oct. 11 — An ex-student reportedly found sleeping on a sofa in Mullen House on Armistead Avenue was charged with trespassing. 10

Tuesday, Oct. 12 — A student broke his leg outside of Spotswood Hall after jumping off of a planter. He was transported to a hospital for treatment. 11

Wednesday, Oct. 13 — Grand larceny of a Sony PlayStation, CDs and DVDs was reported at Lambda Chi. The estimated value of the items was \$600. 9

— Arson of a bulletin board was reported at Tyler Hall. No damage values and no suspects were reported. 12

— A student reported larceny of a bicycle at Jefferson Hall. The estimated value was \$100. 13

— Petty larceny of office supplies was reported at Jones Hall. The value of the items was not reported. 14

Thursday, Oct. 14 — Vandalism was reported at the Campus Center. A window was broken with damages estimated at \$50. 15

— Vandalism was reported at Swem Library. A front window was broken. Damages were estimated at \$2,500. 16

— compiled by andy zahn

STREET BEAT :

What Homecoming tradition do you like the most and why?



The parade, because it's not just for the College — the whole community gets to see it.
♦ Jenn Tran, junior



The football game, because people actually go to it — there's a lot of spirit.
♦ Meg Kochuba, junior



Does laughing at drunk people count?
♦ Eric Anderson, senior



Having a homecoming theme — I don't know of other schools that do a theme.
♦ Sara Costa, senior

— photos and interviews by lauren putnocky

Under the MICROSCOPE

◆ PROFESSOR ENGINEERS BACTERIA STRAIN TO FIGHT TOOTH DECAY

By BECKY EASLEY
THE FLAT HAT

Jeffrey Hillman, a professor at the University of Florida, has worked to solve the problem of tooth decay by engineering a bacteria that might use sugar to deter cavities. According to an article in the Summer 2004 edition of Explore magazine, tooth decay is the most common childhood disease; it is even five times more common than asthma.

Dentists recommend brushing teeth at least twice a day and flossing at least once a day, according to the online edition of ABC News. Still, the procedures necessary to correct tooth decay, including expensive fillings, which can cost between \$250 and \$1,200 per tooth, and root canals, are a major source of profit for many dentists.

Cavities are the result of tooth decay from lactic acid that rots the enamel. When a person consumes sugary substances the bacteria *Streptococcus mutans* converts the sugar into lactic acid. Hillman genetically engineered a strain of the bacteria that does not produce lactic acid but instead thrives off sugar. The new strain acts as an antibiotic against the natural strain.

The new strain has officially been tested on rats placed on high sugar diets. The rats have shown no tooth decay. According to NewsScientist.com, in the 1980s, three humans applied the bacteria to their teeth and have not yet experienced any tooth decay. One question of particular interest is if the bacteria can be passed between individuals by means other than application at the dentists, for instance by kissing. This is called horizontal transmission. No horizontal transmission has been observed among the three individuals who tested the bacterial strain.

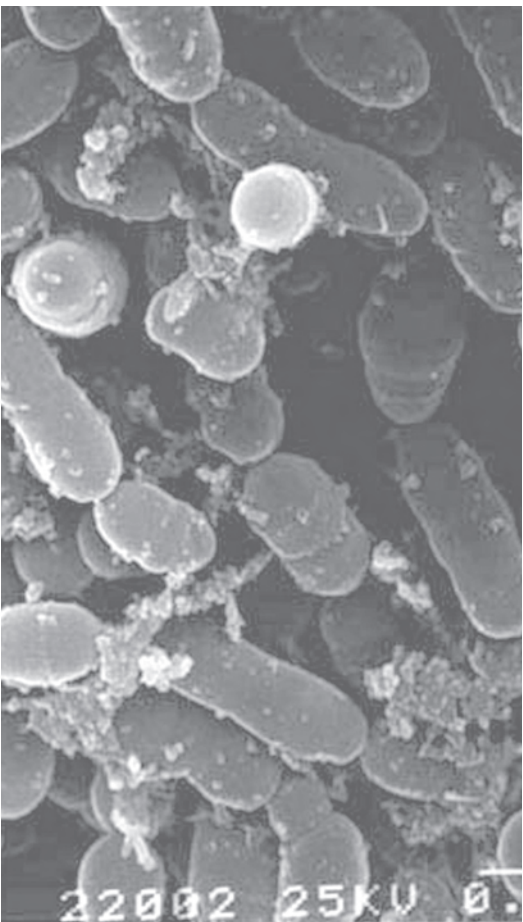
Hillman prefers to call his new strain the product of replacement therapy because he believes that the strain, called BCS3-L1, would eventually evolve over time, by his estimate about 100,000 years, according to Explore. In Hillman's view, replacement therapy is simply a form of speeding up evolution.

The application of the new *Streptococcus mutans* strain would cost approximately \$100 and would potentially last a lifetime. Application

would take place at the dentist and would involve swishing around a liquid containing the bacteria, which, according to NewsScientist.com, tastes like chicken, and then chewing sugary gum or perhaps a sucker.

Ideally, according to Hillman, the bacteria could be given to infants and would last their lifetime.

While this research appears promising, there is still a need for brushing and flossing to avoid a variety of gum diseases and plaque buildup on enamel. Research is now being done to determine how many applications are needed to ensure a lifetime amount of the new strain.



COURTESY PHOTO + BIOLOGYABOUT.COM
U. Florida Professor Jeffrey Hillman has genetically engineered a strain of bacteria that subsists on sugar and acts as an antibiotic against Streptococcus mutans, the bacteria that causes tooth decay.

World Beat: Afghanistan Democratic election held

By CARA PASSARO
FLAT HAT ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Afghanistan's first presidential election was hailed a success, despite candidates' complaints of voting irregularities. The democratic elections, which were held Oct. 9, marked the beginning of a new era for the war-torn nation, as security forces succeeded in protecting the democratic process from local militants.

"This turning point spells the end of more than two decades of the rule of the gun in this nation and confirms the bright hope of all the Af-

ghani people in a democratic future centered on the rule of law," Lt. Gen. David Barno said, according to the Oct. 13 online edition of The Washington Post.

Afghanistan has not held any kind of elections since the late 1960s and has been in a near-constant state of war for more than 25 years, the Sept. 13 edition of CNN.com reported.

Some candidates said that the election results, which are expected to be released by the end of the month, will be marred by irregularities of the voting process. Fifteen of the 17 candidates who opposed the heavily-favored interim president, Hamid Karzai, called for a suspension of the election Saturday and accused the United Nations and the Afghan Joint Election Management Board of a bias toward Karzai. These candidates met Tuesday to file complaints of various violations, ranging from voters casting more than one

ballot to the stuffing of ballot boxes, the Oct. 13 online edition of The New York Times reported.

The complaint of multiple voting arose primarily from problems with the indelible ink used to mark voters' hands after they cast their ballots. According to the Post, poll workers were supposed to mark voters' left thumbs with permanent ink, but some used washable ink meant for marking ballots instead.

There were numerous reports of voters casting multiple ballots. Some people admitted to voting up to 15 times, Abdul Bashir Bezhan, a party deputy for candidate Latif Pedram,

making headway in legitimizing the election. According to CNN, following the appointment of the panel, three of Karzai's main challengers agreed to recognize the eventual outcome and proclaimed the election a major achievement for Afghanistan, despite the problems in the voting process. U.S. leaders said they are anxious to claim the election a success in preparation for the upcoming U.S. election and to build expectations for similar success in the Iraq elections scheduled for early next year, CNN reported.

Even if deemed successful, the election took place while much of

SITUATION:

Afghanistan held its first free elections Saturday, Oct. 9. The elections were hailed a great success for the nation, which has been ravaged by war for more than a quarter-century. However, candidates' complaints of several voting irregularities threaten the legitimacy of the results. Candidates alleged that some voters were allowed to cast multiple ballots, that police allowed poll managers to stuff ballot boxes and poll workers permitted local leaders to vote on behalf of their constituents. Several candidates called for a suspension of the election, but some later agreed to withdraw their complaints. The fact that the elections went peacefully may help convince NATO nations to commit more troops to the U.S.-led mission in Afghanistan.

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said, according to the Times. Election organizers also issued 10.5 million registration cards, many more than expected, reinforcing claims of multiple voting, the Post reported. According to the Times, in other instances, poll workers accepted multiple ballots cast by tribal leaders on behalf of members of their groups.

The Times also reported that candidate Homaoun Shah Assefi reported that in one instance a polling manager took home two ballot boxes and returned them on election day stuffed with ballots. The manager was briefly detained by police but then released when he said the forged ballots supported Karzai.

A three-person panel was set up Wednesday to investigate the 43 complaints that had been filed, and vote tallying cannot begin until all the objections are reviewed, the Post reported.

However, the panel is already

Afghanistan is still under the control of warlords. Approximately 1,000 people were killed in political violence just this year, making it difficult for the United States to convince additional nations to commit more troops, the Post reported.

U.S. leaders hope the success of the election will help convince NATO defense ministers to merge their troops with U.S. troops. The ministers met this week to discuss the possibility. U.S. ambassador to NATO Nicholas Burns said that the alliance could take over Afghanistan operations as early as 2005. NATO is already expected to increase its presence in Afghanistan and currently has about 9,000 troops stationed there, the Post reported.

According to CNN, Barno said that a merger would not entail an early withdrawal of U.S. troops and that U.S. troops would play a major role in any combined force.

AWARD

FROM PAGE 1

soul and truly make a difference. We are honored to have him."

Much of Bell's work concerns the legal aspects of race and racism. He has served as the Executive Director of the Western Center on Law and Poverty at the University of Southern California Law School, Counsel for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and Deputy Director for the Office for Civil Rights in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Bell was appointed as the first tenured black professor at Harvard Law School in 1971. He took leave from Harvard in 1980 to become the dean of the Oregon Law School. In 1985 Bell left Oregon in protest after the faculty voted to reopen the hiring process rather than offer a professorship to an Asian-American woman. He returned to Harvard where he taught until 1992, when he resigned to protest the lack of women of color on the law school faculty. Currently he is a visiting professor of law at New York University School of Law.

In addition to his service in the non-profit, government and academic fields, Bell is an accomplished and widely published author. His writings have been featured in The New York Times, Boston Globe, Mother Jones magazine and numerous legal professional journals. "Race, Racism, and the American Law," Professor Bell's breakthrough casebook on racism and law in the United States, is still in use and now in its third printing. He is also the author of a series of allegorical stories on race, including one that was adapted into an HBO movie in 1994.

The Marshall-Wythe Medallion is the highest honor awarded by the William and Mary Marshall-Wythe School of Law. Initiated in 1966, the Medallion recognizes outstanding legal leadership by judges, lawyers and professors. Honorees are nominated by the faculty of the Law School and approved by the president of the College. Past winners have included numerous academics, four federal judges and six U.S. Supreme Court justices.

SENATORS

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office."

The senate also discussed legislation to postpone the freshman elections at the beginning of the year by one week. Freshman Class President Nick Faulkner attended the meeting to declare his support for the measure.

"Many people said that they did not run for elections because they did not have time to prepare," Faulkner said. "Many people run not knowing what they're getting into."

Adams said he was concerned that postponing the elections would hinder the freshman officers' ability to adequately plan for Homecoming, but Faulkner responded by saying that he and his

fellow officers did not begin their work on Homecoming until their second week in office.

The meeting closed with announcements and comments. Freshman Sen. Brett Phillips voiced his frustrations with the evening's debate.

"When you guys [make] five-minute debate motions, consider that there might be people who still want to talk," Phillips said to the senate.

Sulkowski said that he agreed with Phillips. He added that the committee system should not be a crutch and that the SA should not be prevented from discussing simple issues.

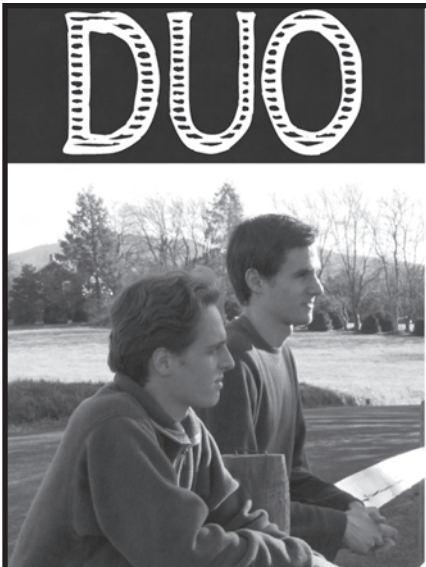
Following the meeting, Wigington said that he thought the meeting was not marred by personal politics, so much as people "taking politics personally."

SCHOLAR

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to the Supreme Court, according to Law School Dean Taylor Reveley. Van Alstyne graduated magna cum laude from the University of Southern California. He received his law degree from Stanford, where he was elected to Order of the Coif. Before entering the academic world, he served as California's Deputy Attorney General, and later as an attorney for the Justice Department.

"A brilliant and eloquent scholar, graced with a marvelous wit and vibrant presence, Bill is a glittering addition to our faculty," Reveley said.



Ben Krakauer and Pete Frostic play duets on banjo and mandolin, drawing from bluegrass, jazz, Irish, classical, and Latin traditions. Krakauer and Frostic play music that is both heavily arranged and heavily improvised. Both have won awards on their instruments at various festivals, including Rockygrass and Merlefest, and both are founding members of the award-winning band Old School Freight Train.

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Saturday

October 23 2004

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Room 207 of the Campus Center

Questions?
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Thursday, October 14
HOMEBREW AT 8PM IN LODGE 1

Friday, October 15
Fridays @ 5 on the UC Terrace - Meika Pauley
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Saturday, October 16
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FREE SHOW AT 8PM IN THE SUNKEN GARDEN
(rain location: UC Chesapeake).

Monday, October 18
Pat Buchanan "A View from Washington", 7:30pm in PBK
Tickets available at the UC Info Desk.

Green is good; advice is golden

As Homecoming Weekend is upon us, many College alumni are returning to revisit old haunts. In honor of them, we would like to discuss how alumni can help the College beyond giving donations. While money is great, the alumni are not a cash cow, and the College community cannot just stand around looking for a handout. There are several things that both alumni and current students can do that will enrich the community more than can monetary donations alone.

Alumni can work with current students to protect programs and activities at their alma mater. Two years ago the alumni teamed up with students to save the Homecoming Parade when it was threatened by budget cuts. Another great way for alumni to connect with this generation of undergraduates is to let current students see their careers. The Career Center's website, www.wm.edu/career, offers many opportunities for alumni to reach out to aspiring students. From externships, short-term shadowing operations, to mentoring and advising, alumni can get personally involved in students' lives in more effective ways than solely monetary donation. Because not even Professor Tiefel's classes are as frightening as the prospect of getting a job to many students about to graduate, any help the alumni can give would be appreciated, whether it be an on-site experience or just a comforting chat.

Before they become alumni themselves, current students should think about what they most desire from their alumni right now so that once they have graduated, they can help in ways they know other undergraduates will appreciate. Clubs should build and maintain lists of alumni with contact information and hold events for them. The Alumni Society can often help student organizations build those databases by furnishing them with some of this information.

Continued involvement after graduation is crucial to maintaining existing alumni networks and to building new ones. Alumni can contribute to the alumni magazine, come back to speak and provide career guidance. If getting back to the 'Burg isn't feasible, many states have alumni societies that provide many of the same services to students and prospective students. Alumni have the power to help improve our experience and share their love of the College.

But to take a decisive role in the future of their alma mater, alumni need to stay abreast of the most recent news at the College. Reading the William & Mary News or the Alumni Society's magazine isn't enough; these are publications put out by the administration, not the students. Reading the student publications to get the student input, whether as a subscriber or an online viewer, is a vital part of the puzzle. The College is now going through a period of change comparable to the building of New Campus back in the 1960s. The proposed Chartered Universities Initiative, the building of new student housing on Barksdale Field, the demolition of Morton Hall, the construction of the magnet building and the new graduate school for business are just a few of the additions, amendments and deletions the College is facing in the next few years. When alumni and students work together, they can make their voices.

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Contraception type: explained, clarified

Many have heard of Emergency Contraception. It is fairly prevalent on our campus and even promoted. But how many of us know how it really works? My goal is to bring to light how these contraceptive drugs work and make clear some of their lesser known consequences.

First of all, I want to make this clear. EC is not the "abortion pill," otherwise known as RU-486, which is normally taken to end a pregnancy at 4 to 7 weeks. EC does not seem to have effects on a pregnancy after implantation.

There are two different types of emergency contraception, the hormonal medications and the intrauterine device. I would like to focus on the hormonal medications because these are the most easily available and pertinent to our campus. Two chemical regimens are approved by the Food and Drug Administration: Plan B and Preven which contains drugs similar to estrogen and progesterone, according to medlineplus.com.

These chemical regimens work in three ways. First, EC delays ovulation. Women can only become pregnant during about five days in a menstrual cycle, the day the egg is released and the four days before that, since sperm can stay alive in the body for 3 to 5 days. So, this method works about 80 percent of the time, if a woman could have become pregnant in the first place. Second, EC prevents fertilization. A woman's cervix has a mucus which the chemicals cause to thicken, making it difficult for the sperm to get through to fertilize the egg. Medicine, though, takes time to be digested and take effect in the body. While sperm may take up to five days to fertilize, many reach the cervical mucus within a few minutes according to babyzone.com. In this narrow time frame, preventing fertilization becomes the least likely way for EC to work. Third, EC prevents implantation. By the time a zygote has reached the uterus it has divided into 20 to 40 cells, each with exactly the same DNA from its mother and father. These cells will attach

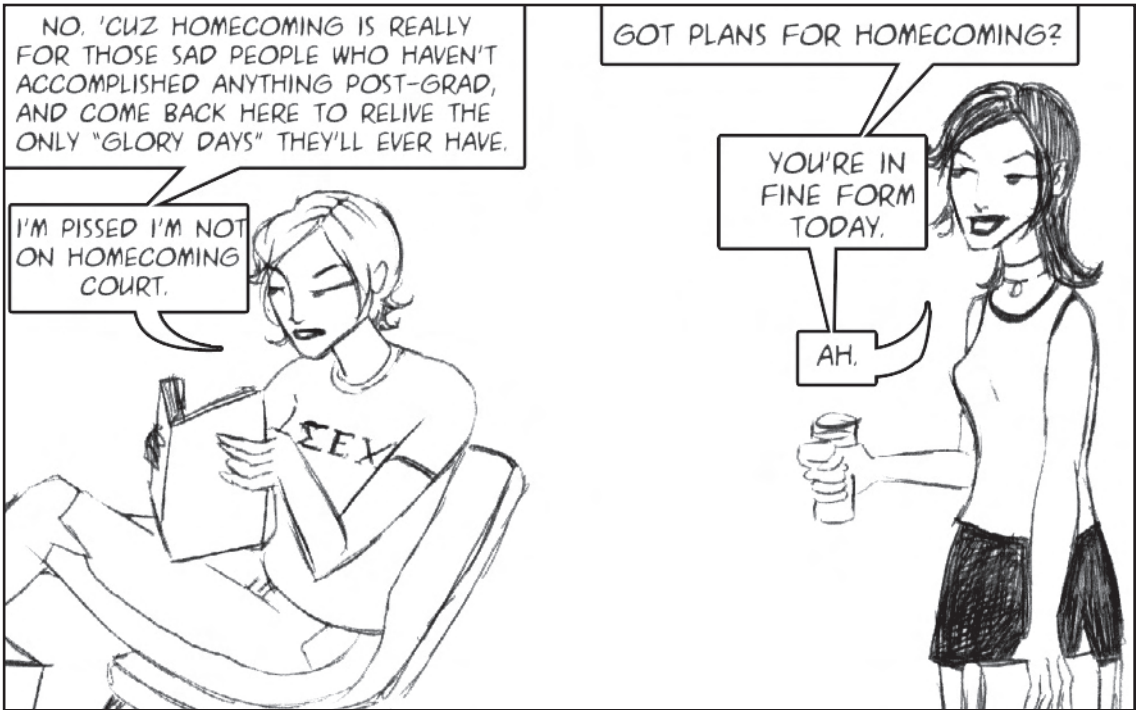
to the uterus to grow and develop until the child is ready to be born, according to babyzone.com. EC will change the lining in the uterus, so that the zygote will not be able to attach and will be flushed from the woman's body. Therefore, EC is an abortifacient. Intuitively, this is the way EC functions about 20 percent of the time.

EC provider, Planned Parenthood, states, "[Emergency Contraception] will not cause an abortion." Technically this is true, but it may be misleading. An abortion, as defined here, is the ending of a pregnancy. Pregnancy technically occurs at implantation, when the fertilized egg attaches to the uterus to continue growing for the next nine months. Until implantation a woman does not "have an abortion," but "prevents pregnancy." Most women, however, think of abortion as getting rid of a baby. To many there is a difference between this and the technicalities. To a woman placed in a such panicked situation as unplanned pregnancy, it could be a relief to her to read "it will not cause an abortion" and simply take the medicine before reading any further to decide for herself.

It is important that a woman have clearly presented facts and an opportunity to decide for herself, because questions arise. If by preventing implantation, EC stops the growth of a new being already begun, can it rightfully be stopped? Is there a difference between blocking or destroying single sex cells and destroying a zygote that is already growing? Is a zygote already a new life? It has already started growing into a new person. It is unique from both parents. If it is not already a life, then when? With a heart beat? When it could live outside the womb?

On the most conservative side these questions are given the response of no, a zygote is a life and cannot rightfully be destroyed. On the most liberal side these questions reflect a decision that should be made only by the woman herself. It must be agreed therefore, the abortifacient nature of EC must be overtly evident to the woman to whom it is given.

Jessica Lankford is a guest columnist for The Flat Hat. She is currently a sophomore at the College.



SA booksale flawed, needs improvement

The Student Assembly booksale needs some real work. Originally conceived by SA President Ned Rice some years ago, it has run through a handful of installments — one every semester — through the most recent one that occurred a couple of weeks ago. The idea is great: students sell their books through the SA and get more money back than they would from Barnes & Noble. In theory, this would work just fine and I wouldn't be writing this column.

In reality, however, the booksale is flawed and is not the best system for the student body. Why is this, you might ask? The booksale works well for some students, but let me explain what goes wrong for the student body as a whole. The first and greatest flaw with the booksale concerns money. Over the course of the summer and through the end of the most recent booksale, a great number of titles were lost either due to misplacement or theft. Each of these books cost a small bit of money, but it adds up. The SA ends up covering the costs of the loss by paying the effected student, but as a result, makes very little money for the classes involved. If \$1000 worth of books are sold, the SA makes \$50. If one large textbook is lost or stolen, SA only breaks even because the loss wipes out any money it had earned.

Jon Adams

This hurts everybody: less money for the classes means less class events, less philanthropic donations and less fun. This would be a huge problem, but the SA devised a way of covering this loss, one that hurts students who tried to sell books at the booksale. If books are unclaimed at the end of the "pickup" period of the booksale, they become property of the SA and are generally sold to wholesalers, thus raising a good amount of money for SA, but not for the individual students who previously

owned the books.

Not only is money being lost, but so is time. Time is lost because of the bureaucratic system running the booksale. As it stands now, people have to bring their books in to the SA, fill out forms and then once the sale is over, come back to the old bookstore and sort through convoluted lists to find and pick up their books (they will finally receive their money by a check in the mail). If they want to buy books, they have to go to Barnes & Noble to obtain all the book titles, because the booksale does not keep a list of books required for classes. The very inefficient process used by the booksale takes up time, confuses people and doesn't make anything easier for students.

What can be done to prevent these problems and create a workable, efficient and beneficial booksale? I propose that SA works with SIN to create an online version of the booksale, working with their current "book exchange" program to create a venue for all students to sell their books online, eliminating the SA middlemen. Students can set their own prices, and link up with buyers or sellers on their own schedule. There will be no need to worry about losing books or making unwanted trips to the old bookstore. All the work could be done from the comfort of a computer lounge or a dorm room, and things would be so much easier.

This solution perhaps sounds too simple, yet there is no reason why this could not work. The book exchange system is already in place, and the SA could work with departments to get lists of books required for courses. Rather than wasting hours of everybody's lives through an inefficient system, the SA would be able to use its efforts to help students save money and time, and making a step forward towards its goal of effective student government that works for the welfare of all students.

Jon Adams is a guest columnist for The Flat Hat. He is currently a junior at the College.



Letters to the Editor

Noise violation charge: arbitrary
To the Editor:

Recently, at the Meridian coffee shop, a little after 10 p.m. three police cars pulled up to the curb to tell the students in charge that the band playing was too loud. They gave the students three options: to turn the music down, turn the music off or receive a noise violation. The students complied and turn the music down, the police left and the show went on. About 20 minutes later, there were three police cars on the curb outside the Meridian again. A manager spoke to the officers, who issued her a noise violation without further warning, even though the students had complied with the police’s previous conditions. He also insisted that everyone leave the coffee shop.

This event is further proof of the City of Williamsburg trampling on student rights. Firstly, the Meridian is located between two of the College’s buildings and two parking lots. To any of the Meridian staff’s knowledge, none of the residents who live down the street have ever registered a noise complaint, and the police officer informed the manager whom he spoke to that no one had called that night either. Secondly, the students complied with the police’s initial request to turn the music down, so issuing a summons is violating the verbal agreement that they had reached with the students not a half an hour before. Lastly, to my knowledge, the police did not have the right to tell everyone to leave.

The Meridian is an alcohol and substance free environment that the police should support. The crowd was peaceable and the noise that the show generated was not bothering anyone. The issue here was not the noise. Football games and the cannons shot by Colonial Williamsburg are loud events, yet police don’t issue summons to the athletic directors or re-enactors. I am reluctant to ascribe the police’s actions to a general mistrust of and hostility toward students, however, right now, that seems to be the only explanation for the outrageous way that the police dealt with this situation.

— Alison Hancock, '06

Charter benefits: questionable
To the Editor:

I write to comment on the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech and the College’s administrations attempt to privatize their universities through a chartered status proposal that Virginia’s lawmakers will consider during this January’s legislation session. Although UVa. has submitted this bill to Virginia’s lawmakers for approval, they refuse to share the specifics of the plan with concerned Virginia citizens and groups.

The schools have reported that they’re asking for changes to the Commonwealth’s personnel, procurement and finance policies. As a long time Virginia state employee, an employee advocate and a current active member of Staff Union at the University of Virginia, it is the tampering with Virginia’s Personnel Act that concerns me most, since it would negatively affect 50,000 state staff members in Charlottesville, Williamsburg and Blacksburg.

UVa.’s president, John Casteen, asks that we use the decentralization of UVa.’s Medical Center as a model of success for this proposal. Indeed, UVa.’s Medical Center has grossed more money since their chartered status took effect in recent years. However, this gain came at the expense of many loyal UVa. Medical Center staff members through the re-alignment of 170 jobs. In addition, some nurses’ base pay are being cut by 25 percent.

If UVa., Virginia Tech and the College become as decentralized as UVa.’s Medical Center has, their staffs can expect less paid vacation and sick leave, reduced health care and retirement benefits, less employment security and no obligation by their institutions to grant raises consistent with state increases.

— Dena T. Bowers
Charlottesville, Va.

Barksdale plans: travesty
To the Editor:

Daniel A. Shaye is exactly right in his Oct. 1 Letter to the Editor in The Flat Hat. What is planned for Barksdale Field is a travesty that not only disrespects a wonderful gift to the College, but threatens to eliminate a beautiful feature of the College campus.

The open green space of Barksdale is a treasure that should be preserved, not an opportunity for further development. President Timothy Sullivan is usually right, but he is wrong about this.

Hopefully, our next president will be someone who values the aesthetic beauty of our campus and does not seek to overdevelop it. Joe Tighe came from the urban jungle of New York to the beautiful paradise of Williamsburg. He will respect Barksdale Field if he is chosen to be our next President.

— Dennis Byrneside
Nashua, N.H.

Students need to remember safety
To the Editor:

I know things like getting to classes on time, trying to get across campus to meet someone and running out to grab something to eat at WaWa before your next class make for rushing around campus, but I have a plea — when crossing the street please take the time to look at traffic before you step out. I have just had an experience that

really had me shaking, because it could have been disastrous. I have worked at the College for 13 years — sharing the campus and surrounding areas with students is nothing new to me. I have had the opportunity to work with several students, and I truly enjoy them. They are the reason we are here. However, on my way home from work at 6:30 p.m. from my office on South Henry Street, I had a very frightening experience. I was traveling on Richmond Rd. in front of the sorority houses, where there is a crosswalk. The side of the road was full of parked cars. One of the vehicles was a large van parked directly adjacent to the crosswalk and blocked the view of the street. I was going slowly and as I was just about to go over the crosswalk, five female students came out from behind the van, never missing a stride, right into the crosswalk. They never even stopped to look.

I know drivers are not always as courteous as they should be to students who are walking and I would ask that they too be aware of students waiting to cross the street and to stop and allow them to do so. Let’s do what we can to avoid any more tragedies at the College.

— Brenda Denton
Director, Development/Accounting Services

Columnist misrepresents speaker
To the Editor:

In her column, “Feminist for Life Speaker Distorts Meaning of Feminism” in the Oct. 1 edition of The Flat Hat, it is my opinion that Ashley Wilson herself misinterpreted and misrepresented several of the ideas presented by Serrin Foster.

First, it is troubling that the columnist challenges the idea of whether you can be both a feminist and pro-life. Many early feminists were in fact pro-life. Would the columnist question whether Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Alice Paul and all other women who fought valiantly for her right to vote were “feminists?”

Secondly, I take issue with the columnist’s statement that extremists “spend too much time making false claims that abortions hurt women and make no effort to prevent them.” Abortion clinics themselves list the side effects of abortion on their websites. These side effects include hemorrhaging, abdominal infection, severe blood loss, future pregnancy complications, infection and pelvic inflammatory disease. Women who have had abortions also list severe depression, eating disorders and suicide attempts as emotional and psychological responses to abortion.

Third, it is troubling that the columnist focused so little on the real substance of Foster’s speech. Foster’s presentation was primarily dedicated to challenging society to provide economic and social support to pregnant women so that they do not feel forced into having an abortion. The columnist admits that 90 percent of women cite economic concerns as the primary reason for having an abortion. In addition, while women may indicate a variety of reasons for having an abortion, surveys have found that most of these are still predominantly economic or social.

The purpose of Foster’s speech was not to restrict women, but to argue that women will not realize that they deserve better than abortion until society provides them with an option which is both more feasible and desirable than an abortion.

— Beth Clites, '05

Columnist denies abortion facts
To the Editor:

Ashley Wilson’s column in the Oct. 1 edition of The Flat Hat is more an inherent contradiction than a well-founded argument. The columnist cloaks the aspirations of Feminists for Life under pro-choice rhetoric, then goes on to say she agrees with the steps taken by Feminists for Life to reduce abortion.

The columnist begins the article by denying facts like 1.3 million abortions are performed annually — a Planned Parenthood statistic — and the link between abortion and breast cancer (shown in two-thirds of all abortion-breast cancer studies). The fact that Serrin Foster’s speech was “couched” in feminist arguments is well founded; aren’t Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott the original feminists?

This spin is merely a facade to prevent readers from understanding the primary focus of Foster’s lecture that our society needs to work to end the need for abortion.

The columnist openly states that “Feminists for Life do champion causes we can all agree on. Preventing violence against women, making day care affordable, making welfare more widely available and lifting workplace obstacles to pregnancy are a few examples.” However, the columnist chooses to place these primary goals beneath the steadfast pro-choice mantra that all “[extremists] spend too much time making false claims that abortions hurt women and make no effort to prevent them.” Wilson then goes on to explain exactly how Feminists for Life works to prevent abortions.

Abortions hurt, and Feminists for Life puts the needs of women and children above everything, even their political aspirations. Their principal objective is to reduce abortions by giving women the social and economic support they deserve. They understand that no woman should be forced into an abortion. Unfortunately, the columnist did not bring an open mind when she came to hear Foster speak; otherwise, she would not have twisted the practical goals of an organization into pro-choice rhetoric.

— Lisa Basile, '07

Homecoming brings thoughts of change

The following is an urgent message to all alumni visiting campus this weekend: the University Center Terrace is not a road anymore. Thank you.

Seriously, I have seen at least three cars speed past the Daily Grind toward the terrace only to stop and turn around. There should be an ongoing feature in the alumni magazine about this. If the alums aren’t careful, blood and lattes will be spilled. Given that, it’s midterm season, I’m not sure which is worse.

With that out of the way, I’d like to turn your attention to the shadowy goings-on in the smoke-filled rooms of the

Campus Center. No, not the Flat Hat office. I’m referring to the process already in place to ensure that some future Flat Hat columnist (taking notes from his impossibly talented predecessors) will one day write:

This is an urgent message to all alumni visiting campus for Homecoming 2015: Landrum Walk is not a road anymore. Thank you.

Sometime in the next 10 years or so, tremendous changes are coming to campus. The Flat Hat reported on them in fall 2002, but other than the parking deck and Barksdale dorm plans, they haven’t received a whole lot of buzz around campus. What will become Landrum Walk, for example, is currently Landrum Drive. The idea is that this will eventually become a pedestrian-only promenade between the new Barksdale dorm (now coming to a mud pit near you) and the Landrum-Chandler-Barrett wall of dorms. One of the over-arching themes of the larger plan is to reduce vehicle traffic on campus. Along with Landrum, James Blair Drive will eventually become pedestrian-only. The plan considers these to be barriers to the unification of campus. No word on what they think of the alluring cesspool behind the Health Center.

New Campus (referred to as South Campus in the plan) looks like it’s about to become another planet. The sundial looks to be gone, and PBK Circle and

surrounding parking lots are history. There are new buildings on the Common Glory lot, additions to just about any building you can think of (except one, more on that later), new buildings with no declared purpose, all kinds of fun stuff. I recommend you check it out at www.wm.edu/construction/index.php. There’s a nifty PowerPoint with illustrations as well as budgetary stuff for the economically-minded. It paints an interesting picture of what campus will look like in the next decade or two. Hopefully someone will re-grow the grass on Barksdale so we don’t have to read “save me” or “stop it” whenever we walk by. I have friends in I.T.; that’s not very nice to say.

Personal victory: the one building that will not be expanded will in fact be completely and utterly destroyed with extreme prejudice. At least, that’s what I hope they say when the wrecking ball hits Morton sometime in the future. As a Government major, I bid thee good riddance.

It’s strange, though, to know what the future holds for campus, knowing I won’t be here to see it happen. I imagine it’s a little like what the returning alumni feel now, coming back to a campus filled with kids who might be young enough to be their children. I will even admit to seeing “Class of 2008” and cringing. Won’t we have flying cars by then? Granted, the Class of ’95 probably saw “Class of 2005” and thought the same thing. Something we won’t have, though, is cars of any kind on Landrum Drive.

It’s Homecoming, though, so be nice to the old-timers. They’re probably strolling around campus reminiscing about all the fun you’re having right now. Perhaps a tinge of jealousy? Try not to laugh if they ask where “McGlothlin Street” goes. It’s hard to blame our alumni for having a little trouble reconciling the campus of their memory with the evolving campus of today. This does not mean, however, that they are allowed to drive on the UC Terrace. You’ve been warned.

Ben Kennedy is a staff columnist for The Flat Hat. He hopes not to accidentally vaporize any members of the Class of 2018 when he joyrides down Landrum Walk in his flying car at his ten-year reunion.

Attention Flat Hat alums:

Come to Fogey Fest 4 p.m. Saturday at the Flat Hat office located in the basement of the Campus Center.


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BRIEFS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Hunger Conference

The Conference of the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness will take place Oct. 29 to Oct. 31 at Loyola College in Baltimore, Md. Visit www.studentsagainsthunger.org for more information.

Contact ccschw@wm.edu if you are interested in attending the conference with other college students.

Rowing Work Weekends

The College Rowing Club will be having work weekends in Oct. and Nov. Rowers are offering all types of services including painting, window washing, leaf raking and more for only \$50 a rower. Clients can rent as many rowers as they need.

For more information, and for the specific dates, contact Travis Moore at 259-9794.

Law School Info Sessions

The William & Mary Law School will hold an Information Session Nov. 5, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. for prospective applicants to learn about opportunities for a legal education as well as information about application procedures.

The Information Session will include faculty and administrator presentations and a question and answer session with a representative from the student body. Interested students will also be able to observe a law school class.

If you are considering a legal education and are interested in attending, please contact the Law School Admission Office at 221-3785 to reserve a place. Additional Information Sessions are scheduled for Jan. 21 and Feb. 18.

Jazz Music Performance

An evening of world-class jazz will be presented on Monday, Oct. 25 at 8 p.m. in Ewell Hall. Three artists who play at jazz festivals

throughout the world, renowned jazz pianist Harris Simon, Grammy Award-winning bassist Todd Coolman and innovative drummer Tony Martucci, will open the Ewell Concert Series. They will perform original jazz compositions as well as jazz and popular standards.

The concert is free and open to the public. For further information call 221-1082.

President's Luncheons

President Timothy Sullivan will host a series of luncheons at the President's House to give students an opportunity to meet with him informally in groups of ten. Lunch will last about an hour.

Remaining dates for the fall semester are Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 12:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 5 at noon, Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 12:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 8 at noon.

For more information, or to sign up, contact Carla Jordan at 221-1254 or cajord@wm.edu.

President's Office Hours

President Timothy Sullivan has reserved office hours for students to discuss issues that concern them. Individual students or small groups may reserve 10-minute sessions from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, Tuesday, Nov. 2 and Wednesday, Dec. 1.

For more information, or to sign up, contact Carla Jordan at 221-1254 or cajord@wm.edu.

Sadler on Radio

Want your voice to be heard? Vice President for Student Affairs Sam Sadler will answer your questions on WCWM 90.7 FM, the radio station of the college, some time in the near future.

Submit questions about any aspect of the school via email to wcmxx@wm.edu.

Kennedy Lecture

The American Culture Lecture Series will present David Lubin, "Life After Death: JFK, Dallas, and Modern Visual Culture" Nov. 4 at 5 p.m. in James Blair 229.

Lubin is the Charlotte C. Weber Professor of Art at Wake Forest University. Professor Lubin's new book, "Shooting Kennedy" (2003), examines the photographic portrayal of Jack and Jackie Kennedy from their public courtship in 1953 to the events in Dallas ten years later. It has just been awarded the 2004 Charles C. Eldredge Prize for Distinguished Scholarship in American Art.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

Post World War II Lecture

The American Culture Lecture Series in cooperation with Black Studies, English, the Reves Center and the College Lecture Fund will present Werner Sollors, "Foreign

Affair: Notes toward a Cultural History of the American Occupation of Germany after World War II" on Oct. 21 at 5 p.m. in James Blair 229.

Sollors is the Henry B. and Anne M. Cabot Professor of English Literature and Professor of African and African American Studies at Harvard University.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

Abortion Demonstration

As part of a demonstration sponsored by the College's Knights of Columbus council 11501, students wearing a red arm band will remain silent Oct. 22, in solidarity with the over 4,000 surgical abortions performed that day.

For more information, email knight@wm.edu.

Counseling Center

The Counseling Center is offering a number of groups, meetings and workshops for the fall semester, including a Relaxation Workshop Mondays, from 1:15 to 1:45 p.m., a Women and Self-Esteem Workshop and an International Students Tea Talk.

For additional information about these groups call the Counseling Center at 221-3620.

Boathouse Open

The boathouse on Lake Matoaka is now open and renting canoes for free upon presentation of a student ID. Fall 2004 hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

One boat is allowed per ID. Alcohol, fishing and swimming are not permitted.

VOLUNTEER

Make a Difference Day

Make A Difference Day is Saturday, Oct. 23. Sign your group or organization up at the Office of Student Volunteer Services to complete a project in the community on this exciting day of service!

If you have questions, contact Drew at 221-3263.

Childcare Needed

A dependable student is needed to provide one hour of morning childcare for two elementary school age children three to four days a week. Compensation will be offered

at \$10 an hour and transportation will be provided to Matthew Whaley Elementary School.

For more information please call 564-9762.

Childcare is needed for a 9-year-old boy, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Fridays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Compensation will be offered from \$7 to \$10 an hour. For more information, contact Leah Glenn at 784-1114.

Childcare is needed for two children, ages 5 and 9, on weekends at a home close to campus. For more information, contact Ms. Pasquretta at 565-2154.

Campus Blood Drive

The first campus blood drive of the year is Tuesday, Oct. 19 in the University Center. For more information, or to volunteer your time, email ashold@wm.edu.

Habitat for Humanity

Join fellow students in a trip to Radford to work with Habitat for Humanity from Oct. 29 to Oct. 30. Transportation and lodging will be provided. For more information or to sign up, contact jrtodd@wm.edu.

Volunteer Needed

A volunteer is needed to help an elderly woman run errands at local stores a few times a week. For more information, contact Kristen Gladsky at 221-7647.

Spanish Speaking Tutor

Two Berkeley Middle School students from El Salvador who only speak Spanish need a tutor for a couple of hours a week.

For more information, contact Kathy at 229-9636 or 254-3174.

Math and Science Tutor

A tutor is needed in Algebra II and Chemistry, walking distance from campus once a week. For information, contact Sharon Jones at 253-3608 or 565-6157.

Math Tutor

A tutor is needed in pre-calculus. Compensation will be offered. For more information, contact Karin Juraszek at 259-3174 or 229-0198.

A tutor is needed for an 8th grade girl in math. Hours are flexible. For more information, contact Mr. Rich at 221-0400 or 804-765-4455.

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Weekend events welcome alums

BY TEGAN NEUSTATTER
THE FLAT HAT

Break out those lederhosen, because this year's "Oktoberfest" Homecoming is fast approaching. The theme this year is a German festival, and there are tons of fun activities lined up. They began with the powder-puff football game on Thursday and culminate Saturday with a concert in the Sunken Gardens. So get ready for a four-day weekend of sauerkraut, weinerschnitzel, parades and partying. And don't forget to bring your Tribe Pride.

New to Homecoming this year is the spirit contest between Vice President for Student Affairs Sam Sadler and College President Tim Sullivan. WMTV will be airing clips of the two doing various spirit-related activities on different days. Wednesday was the "Most Spirited Tie" competition, Thursday was the "Most Spirited Cheer" and today is the "WM Trivia Showdown." Students will be the judges of who has the most spirit, so be sure to vote in the Campus Center lobby through Friday.

The traditional Homecoming festivities kicked off Thursday night with the Powder-puff Football Game.

"Powder-puff is arguably one of the most fun events on Homecoming weekend," Michelle Treseler, sophomore vice-president of advocacy, said.

Each class assembled a team of girls willing to fight tooth and nail for the title of powder-puff champion. Unlike previous years, the game was held under lights with a DJ and Clay Clemens as the MC.

"This atmosphere will be more exciting and will allow for more participation," Nathaniel Elberfield, a chairman for the Homecoming committee, said.

Friday will be the ultimate spirit check. The Pep Rally will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Yates Field (rain location: Chesapeake Center in the UC). Like previous years, it includes lots of free food, the Coke truck and a bonfire, with entertainment provided by the Pep Band, Tribal Dancers, a cappella groups, Improvisational Theatre and the cheerleaders.

Since this year's theme is Oktoberfest Karnival, "We have switched things up a bit by adding carnival-type events," Amanda Norris, a member of the Student Assembly, said.

There will be a dunk tank with campus celebrities, face painting and glow-in-the-dark spray-on tattoos, inflatable

jousts and a smorgasbord of good things to eat. In addition, the Student Assembly will give prizes to students with the most green and gold, and to those who participate in small events on stage, like the pie eating contest.

"I hope everyone comes out and brings lots of Tribe Pride," Norris said.

The day of the big game, things start bright and early. Saturday at 9 a.m. the Homecoming Parade will travel up DoG Street, onto Richmond Road, past the University Center Terrace and eventually end up at William and Mary Hall. So far there are about 50 floats entered, including motorcars to drive Sullivan around, and a few marching bands. Usual participants include Greek organizations — which, according to Stephanie Casler, the Junior Class Secretary "have a rather good time of it" — as well as some volunteer groups, alumni and the Choir. The floats will be competing for a grand prize of \$500, \$300 for second place and \$100 for third. The parade will be a great way to get psyched up for the football game later that day.

For those of you with alums in the family, UCAB will be holding a Homecoming BBQ before the game from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the UC Courtyard. For the rest of you, it means more time to practice cheers and paint your chests.

To cap off the night, Seepeoples and The Presidents of the United States of America will perform at 8 p.m. in the Sunken Gardens (rain site: Chesapeake Room in the UC). SeepeopleS, a rock trio from Portland, Maine, will be opening this free event. They have just released their debut album, "For the Good of the Nation." Check them out at their website www.seepeoples.com. The main attraction will be The Presidents of the United States, known for such hits as "Peaches," "Lump" and "Kitty."

"I've heard they're an awesome live band," senior Will Thompson, UCAB music chair, said. "Their energetic show is what we want to bring to campus to get students to congregate for a fun evening of music."

You can go to www.presidentsrock.com for more information on their latest album.

With all these fun festivities going on, who wouldn't want to remember the rockin' time they had at Oktoberfest Homecoming '04? Commemorative t-shirts will be on sale for \$10, in green or grey with Timmy J. in lederhosen.

For more information about all the Homecoming festivities, visit www.wm.edu/alumni/WMAA/Homecoming/Homecoming_index.html.

Calendar of Homecoming Events

Friday, Oct. 15

Homecoming Pep Rally
7 to 9 p.m., Yates Field

DJ Dance Party
9 p.m., Lodge 1

Saturday, Oct. 16

Homecoming Parade
9 a.m., Duke of Gloucester Street,
UC Terrace, Yates Drive

Homecoming BBQ
11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., UC Courtyard

Tribe Football vs. Rhode Island
1 p.m., Zable Stadium

Gentlemen of the College
3 p.m., UC Commonwealth

BSO Step Show (\$6 reg., \$5 Greeks)
7 p.m., UC Commonwealth

The Presidents of the United States
America & SeepeopleS
8 p.m., Sunken Gardens

Grad students help robots 'see'

BY ELIZABETH NYMAN
FLAT HAT EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Science fiction fans, watch out: the robots are already here at the College, and there's nothing fictional about them. Two robots, fittingly named William and Mary, meander across campus at various times, collecting data for the applied science department.

The robots belong to a program run by Professor Mark Hinders, an associate professor of applied science. According to Hinders, the robots and their Ph.D. candidate handlers make up an attempt to create more intelligent robots.

"The thing we're working on is ... allowing robots to notice things that are happening around them," Hinders said. "This allows us to interact better with robots."

According to Hinders, the goal of the project is to develop artificial intelligence so that the robots can "see" the world around them. Hinders said that he wants to make it so that their human owners can tell a robot to turn at a certain type of bush or wall, without having to program in maps or GPS coordinates.

"The biggest deficiency [of earlier robots] is that they can't tell when they're going to run into something before they hit it," Hinders said.

Enter William and Mary, the program's two data-col-



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lecting robots According to Hinders, both are "standard Battlebot robots" that run with a remote control, but there are some differences between the two.

"The green one [Mary] is built a lot better," Kevin Rudd, a Ph.D. student in applied science, said. "It has shocks. It goes really fast."

In fact, according to Rudd, the robots could probably reach the speed of a golf cart, but they are never operated at that speed because of the delicate equipment they carry.

The robots run on battery-powered wheelchair motors. Each is equipped with a sonar sensor that sends out signals similar to those emitted by bats. The echoes are then recorded onto a laptop computer fastened to the robot's back, and are brought back to the lab for analysis.

"The structure of the echoes lets you know what it is," Rudd said.

But this isn't as easy as it sounds, according to Rudd. Most of the students' work goes into distinguishing the different echoes.

"It takes pretty sophisticated computer algorithms," he said.

Applied science Ph.D. student Wen Gao has been working with the robots for three years. She is William and Mary's primary handler. When she

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New York: not really all that different from Williamsburg

CONFUSION CORNER



Joe Riippi

I was just passing the morning away in a New York City apartment earlier today. I made some coffee for myself and some tea for my partner and we sat around listening to music in her small and cold-floored hardwood apartment — one wall painted raspberry-pink and another with an Audrey Hepburn poster above a table.

She has to work at three, and I have to catch a bus from Port Authority back to the airport around that same time. Until then we're just letting the clocks tick-tock-tick, sipping hot drinks and thinking thoughts out loud that all begin with the phrase "remember that time?" Fall break was perfectly a break.

It's so nice to get away from the College whenever possible. Small towns make me itch, and too much time on campus makes me start to think the brick walkways are actually the backs of giant slumbering desert lizards that any second will break free of the just-fallen

leaves to eat me. So I leave.

For break I went to New York, because it is quite possibly an environment as far away from that of Williamsburg as possible. (Not that I hate it here, but, well, I guess yeah, maybe I kind of do. There's only one place to get a decent cup of coffee and nowhere to get a decent conversation with a homeless person.) The plan for fall break was to do nothing (except for a couple of grad school meetings), but while doing nothing, enjoy all of the nothing. I've been to New York enough times now that I have no real desire to go to the village, "just to go to the village" or go to the park, "just to see the park." I didn't bring anything school-related, for fear of being tempted and stressing out so much that I hitch a ride on the sylla-bus back to the College.

But what I did do paralleled things I would do at school. I read, I watched the debates, I walked, I drank coffee and talked to people. I

even saw an a cappella show. It was very much a scene from a hypothetical "The College does New York" film.

New York's equivalent to the Mermaid Used Bookstore is The Strand, which boasts "8 Miles of Books" on its complimentary pieces of flair. I mistook this to say "80 Miles" when I first read it, and when I told someone "we went and looked around the Strand ... 80 miles of books is a long way," I was laughingly corrected and told it was really only eight miles, which after having believed it was 80, didn't really seem all that impressive. I got a copy of "Collages" by Anais Nin and some travel essays by Julien Barnes, neither related to school at all, and I read periodically at different tables in Dean and Deluca while waiting for my girlfriend to get off work. It was a far cry from the Daily Grind, where it seems I know almost everyone who walks in, and I made friends with a woman named Cookie

who liked to hang around the café. When Cookie saw me talking to my partner, she asked how I knew Sunshine.

"Sunshine?"

"Yeah, the cute and little blonde girl. She's so nice, I tell her everyday when she says hello that she's like a ray of sunshine, so I just started calling her sunshine."

Cookie smiled as she said this, just like she smiled when she said anything.

And like the College, I had to finish off my coffee to go to office hours and meet with some professors. But rather than meeting to plead my case on why Wordsworth is terrible and Coleridge is brilliant (and it's true), I was meeting with people at NYU and Columbia about going to grad school there. I knew Columbia would be amazing when a British student walked down the hall and interrupted

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Variety Calendar

Oct. 16 to Oct. 22

— compiled by natalie piotter

Tuesday

♦ Take a break from studying with a relaxing Jazz ensemble concert at Lodge 1 tonight. Admission is free for this soothing musical break from mid-term stress. Head over to the Lodge with friends, snacks and coffee for the performance, which starts at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

♦ The Presidents of the United States of America (remember the '90s hit "Peaches"?) and SeepeopleS (an eclectic mix of trance, funk and rock) will perform at a free concert at 8 p.m. in the Sunken Gardens. In case of rain, the event will be held in the University Center Chesapeake Auditorium.

Wednesday

♦ "The Story of the Weeping Camel," the 2003 and first official Mongolian film entry for the best foreign language film Oscar, is showing at 8:45 tonight at the Kimball Theatre. The poignant story of an abandoned calf whose mother must be coaxed to return to nurse it, the film is in Mongolian with subtitles.

Sunday

♦ If you missed William and Mary Theatre's production of "Bat Boy, The Musical," last week, be sure to catch the final performance this afternoon. The show begins at 2 p.m. at Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall. Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased at the door.

Thursday

♦ Part monologue, part oration and part poetry slam, "Hearing Voices," Michael Mack's one man play that chronicles his mother's struggle with schizophrenia, will be performed tonight by the playwright himself at the Williamsburg Regional Library. The performance is free and begins at 7 p.m.

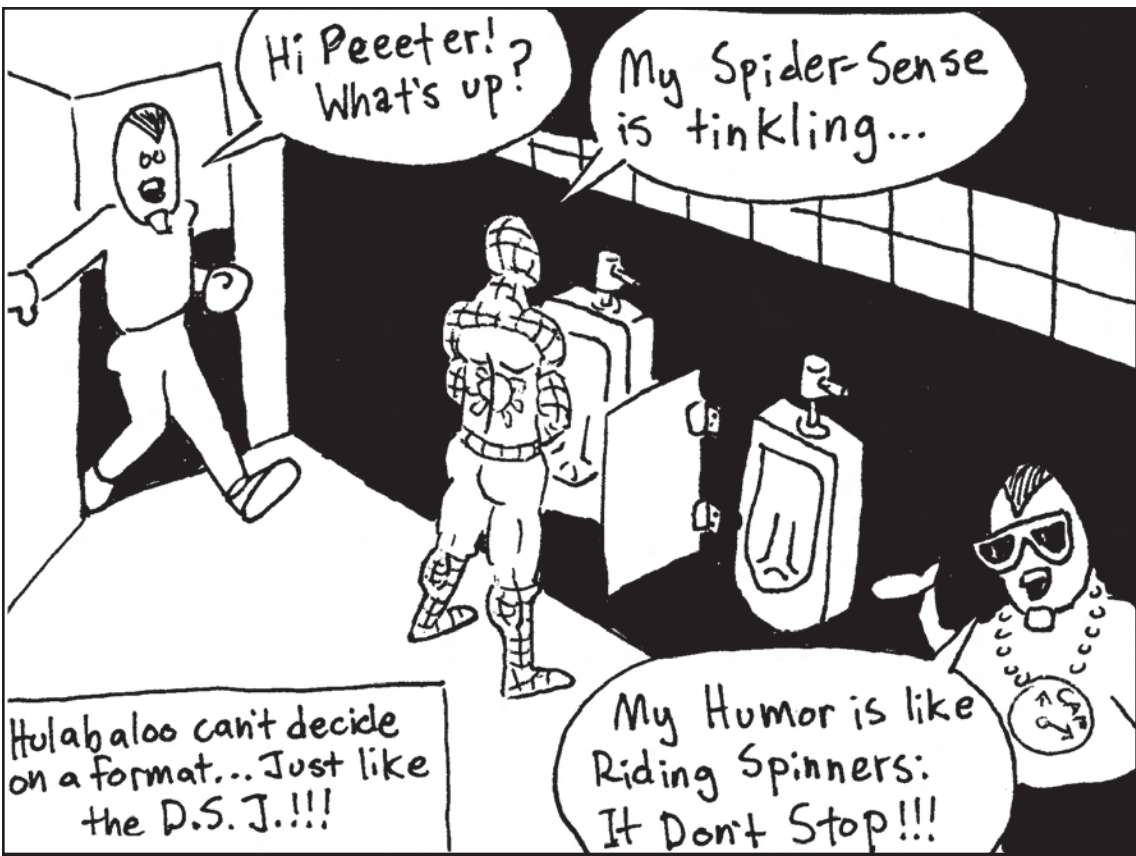
Monday

♦ Noted American conservative politician Pat Buchanan will be speaking at 7:30 p.m. tonight at PBK Memorial Hall. Students may submit questions for Buchanan to Amy FitzHenry (akfitz@wm.edu). Tickets are free for students with their William & Mary ID and may be picked up at the UC info desk.

Friday

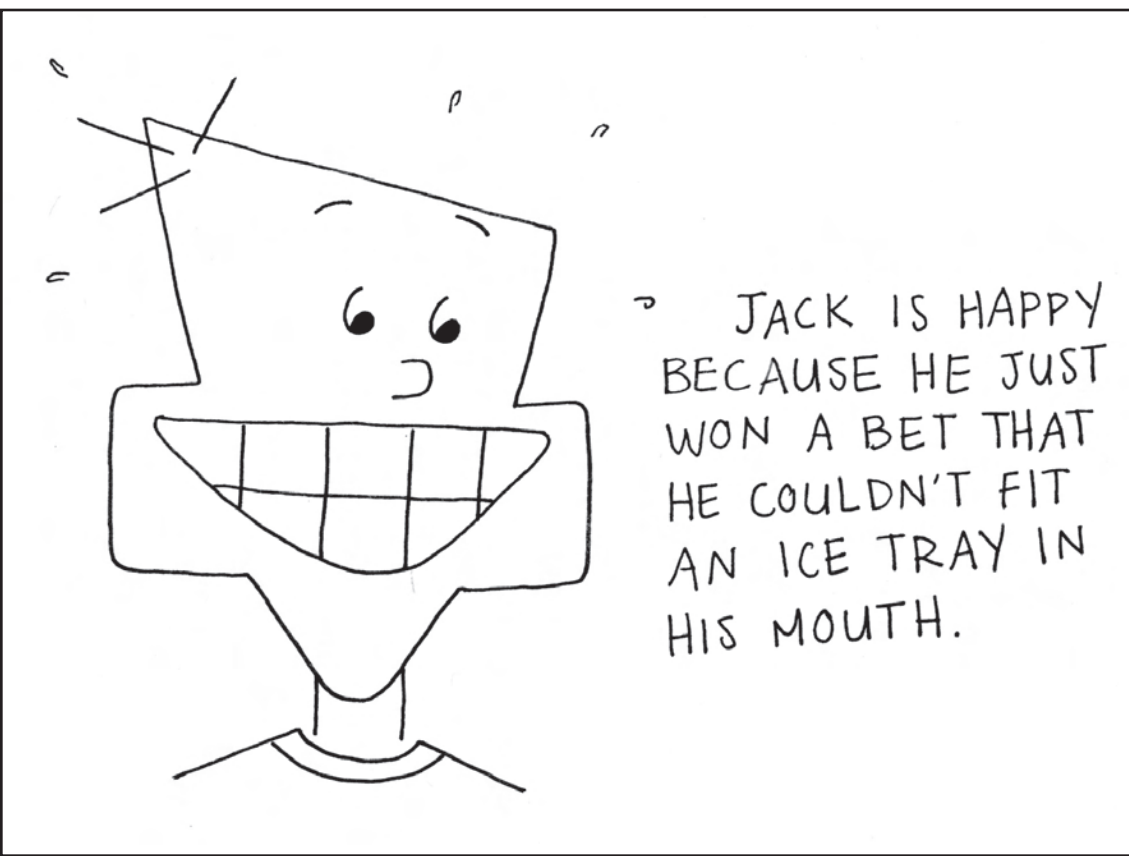
♦ The College's Mystic Theatre presents one of the seminal works of twentieth century drama, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" at 8 p.m. tonight at the Kimball Theatre. Edward Albee's classic play has won five Tony Awards, including those for best play and best production. Tickets are \$5 for students.

To have an event printed in the Variety Calendar, send mail to calndr@wm.edu or call x3281 before 5 p.m. Tuesday.



Hulabaloo

By Nate Loehrke



Knowing Jack

By Mika G. Shannon

Horoscopes



Taurus: April 20 - May 20

Why wait for New Year's to make resolutions? With things going your way right now, this is the perfect time to make good on a promise to yourself.



Gemini: May 21 - June 21

Relationships don't always work, but they never work when they're forced. This is not the ideal time to be looking for a mate so just focus on you.



Cancer: June 22 - July 22

What you need now is to make that cross-country pilgrimage to see your best friend. The stars are favorable for travel, and you need the break.



Leo: July 23 - Aug. 22

Not that your friends aren't great but you really need to get out more. Sure you have fun, but always with the same people. It's time to branch out.



Virgo: Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

Now is the best time to get politically involved. Take on some activism. You already care about the issues and you might meet a mate.



Libra: Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Openness is important in any relationship, but especially about sex. You're not feeling satisfied, and if you're not honest, the relationship could suffer.



Scorpio: Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You never realize how much something is getting you down until you finally vent. Grab a trustworthy friend and unburden yourself.



Sagittarius: Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Winter is not the time to be making intense beauty decisions. Play it natural and you'll be the hottest snowbunny on the slopes.



Capricorn: Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

When you abuse your body, it will abuse you back. Coffee and cigarettes may have gotten you through mid-terms, but now it's time to be healthy.



Aquarius: Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You haven't been yourself lately. The time for your Mariah Carey breakdown is past and it's time to pull it together. It's just not cute.



Pisces: Feb. 19 - March 20

Green is hot right now. So are leather blazers. But use some caution. Buy a green top or a leather blazer, not a pink leather blazer.



Aries: March 21 - April 19

Your old party-self hasn't been out lately, but this weekend it's time to shine. Find an outfit, forget your troubles and work the room, sweetie.

..... compiled by will milton

ROBOTS

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takes the robots out to collect data, she also brings along a camera and a notebook to track the different obstacles the robot faces in the field. This is then used to help analyze the echoes and determine the echo patterns of various objects, according to Gao.

"I have five notebooks," Gao said.

Hinders said that some of the first data they collected covered trees, and distinguishing between large

rough-barked trees and smooth-barked trees.

"We scanned 60 trees," Gao said.

Now Gao has moved on to more concrete objects.

"I'm working on the brick walls with the buttresses, the different fences," she said.

All of this data collection will help achieve the end goal of smarter robots, according to Hinders.

"Our goal is to understand these components ... and when you understand these, then you get something you can sell," he said.

The applications of this research

are varied, according to Hinders. Once the robots can be taught where to go and how to avoid obstacles, they will have many uses. Hinders said that they could do anything from working in hospitals or as caregivers to powering supply trucks or ambulances for the military.

"In the long term, you can imagine all sorts of things you'd want a robot to do," he said. "In the future...everyone will be able to go out and buy a robot. We don't pretend to be building these [smart robots] for the next few years, but we're working on the underlying technology that makes them work."

FISHing for answers

Q:

What are the long-term health risks associated with smoking marijuana? Is it as dangerous as smoking cigarettes? Also, is it as addictive as other drugs, such as nicotine?

—Curious about Cannabis

A:

Let's be blunt — marijuana is by far the most commonly used illegal drug in the United States and in most other countries as well. Because of marijuana's popularity, many of its negative effects are downplayed. Even at lower doses, marijuana will impair your attention and coordination and affect the way your mind processes information. High doses of marijuana can result in image distortion, loss of personal identity and hallucinations. Abuse of marijuana can cause respiratory infections, impaired memory and learning ability, increased heart rate, anxiety and even panic attacks. People who regularly use marijuana may experience some of the same problems tobacco smokers do, including cough, phlegm, chronic bronchitis and frequent chest colds. You may think of marijuana as a harmless way to let loose, and you might have even heard that marijuana smoke is far less toxic than cigarette smoke. However, marijuana smoke contains 50 to 70 percent more carcinogenic hydrocarbons than tobacco smoke. Research findings for long-term marijuana use indicate some changes in the brain similar to those seen after long-term use of other major drugs. It has been shown that marijuana's impacts on memory and learning can last for days or weeks after the acute effects of the drug wear off. Unfortunately, long-term marijuana use can lead to addiction just as other drugs do. Drug craving and withdrawal symptoms such as irritability, sleeplessness and anxiety, can make it hard for long-term marijuana smokers to stop using the drug. Using marijuana just isn't worth the risks. If you need to mellow out, relax in a way that won't end up hurting you.

For more information on marijuana visit www.nida.nih.gov/Infobox/marijuana.html.

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BY KATHRYN HIGGINS
FLAT HAT STAFF WRITER

That Girl: Amy Lutz

Senior Amy Lutz is living the dream. The colonial dream, that is. She's living in the William Randolph lodging in Colonial Williamsburg this year, serving as a liaison between school and tourist attraction. You couldn't do much better for a representative either. A member of UCAB's Special Events committee, a Gamma Phi Beta and a freshman Orientation Aide for three years, she's also taking part in the Women's Leadership Program this year.

What does Psi Chi actually do?

Psi Chi is the national honor society for psychology. We try to get together for career fairs and grad school fairs and tell people about opportunities to get involved in their school and community.

So what kind of special events is UCAB planning this year?

We are going to have paint your own pottery again. We are trying to have a bartending class that people can attend — but not with alcohol, just using colored water — but you pay ten dollars and then you get to keep the bar equipment at the end. We are having our own William and Mary 500 racing from the UC terrace down to the Crim Dell, where students will build their own vehicles. We are trying to get in touch with the physics department about that ... and there will be prizes and such. See, right now we aren't really sure which plans are definite or not, so I don't want to mention some in case they don't happen.

What do you do with the Wesley Foundation?

I am VP of discipleship committee, so I oversee the small groups, worship and service coordinators. So I help a lot with planning activities and making sure everything's going well.

What did you study in Florence?

I took classes in Italian and art history, which was awesome because the classes would be on-site, in churches and museums so we got to see the works first hand, which was just amazing.

Did you experience any culture shock?

We lived with Italian families so my roommate and I stayed with this one woman and the first night we were there, there were two other international students there, and there was only one person who spoke Italian and everyone else spoke something else. Being in Florence was great because it was another tourist town, so it was like, I'm coming from Colonial Williamsburg to Florence and you still can't escape the tourists. But by the end we felt like it was our town too, we didn't feel like tourists anymore, like Virginia college students.

Do you plan on going to graduate school eventually?

It kind of depends. Ideally, I'd like to work in community psych, and then once I get established and figure out what I really enjoy in that field maybe go to grad school. But at this point, I'm not really definite enough on what I want to study to commit the time and money.

Tell me about the CW house. How is it different from a dorm?

It's a very small white house called the William Randolph Lodging. It's on Nicholson about a block off of DoG Street. We basically have a living room, bedroom, kitchen and a huge attic, which we basically use for storage. It's a very tiny house, but for two people used to college dorms, it's huge. We had a reception on Parent's Weekend, and all the parents said it was so small and the college students said that it was huge. There's no laundry, so I have to sneak onto campus at odd hours to do laundry. We have all

the amenities, like cable and network — and a tiny backyard and a working fireplace. So far no tourists have really come knocking on the door yet, which is kind of sad. But there's still time...

What kind of programming are you planning?

We're going to do a program for a different freshman hall every month. In October we are going to have a student run ghost tour and end up at the house for cider and s'mores. In November we will have an event about the election. It will change every month but we hope to show people how awesome CW is. Most people don't realize how great it is. We don't want people to get to the point where it's senior year and they think, you know I should do something on DoG Street besides run. We want people to make the most of it while they're here.

Tell me about the Williamsburg Hospice. What does your internship involve?

With the Williamsburg Hospice, there is an actual hospice house that has rooms for up to four guests, which can be for end-of-life care or respite care, like for if the family has to go to a wedding or something for a little while. They also provide volunteers for people still at home who can go into the homes and provide respite care, and just be there for the family and be a support in the way they live. And they also have supplies, and this is a nonprofit and so they don't charge anything. So families can turn to them for help and relief and not have to worry about anything. I've just been amazed at the volunteers and the staff because it's not the easiest work to do, but they are all just dedicated to their work and they love it.

Why psychology and art history?

I came in knowing that I wanted to major in psychology and surprisingly, I didn't change my mind at any point. Spring semester my freshman year I took an art history class just to be with my friends, and I loved it. Then the summer after that I went to Florence, and that just sealed the deal, and when I came back I decided to major in that as well. It's really just for fun, because at William and Mary you double major for fun.

Are you going to vote?

I will vote as soon as Maryland sends me my absentee ballot for which I have applied. I don't know when they actually do that, but I will definitely be voting — everyone should.

What is your favorite CW attraction?

I gotta go with the fife and drum corps because they are always walking outside of my house, and I feel a close bond with them. It's also really fun just to go into the clothing shops, the wigmaker and shoemaker. There's no fun like colonial fun.

What are you going to be for Halloween?

I don't know yet, I'm willing to take suggestions. One year my roommate and I went as tourists and we made little passes that looked like freedom passes, and we wore funny packs. It was awesome ... we could revive that one for this year, it would be appropriate. I could knock on the door of my own house.

Which do you trust more, the Weather Channel or Sam's knee?

Sam's knee, it's an oracle.

Trebek, Sajak or Barker?

Gotta go with Bob Barker because of the showcase showdown, but I almost want to say the guy that hosted Supermarket Sweep, because that show was fantastic.

Ninjas, Pirates or Zombies?

Pirates. Wesley is going to have a pirate night on October 22. We're going to Pirates Cove mini golf, and watching Pirates of the Caribbean and having some sort of pirate snack that I've been told is not hard tack. I can't wait.

New York

FROM PAGE 7

our conversation.

"Ah'm sahry, boot Betony, wouldshu 'appen to 'ave an email account thot cood send sompthing ahgteen megabytes lahe? I need to git this to "The Pahrís Review" by tanayt."

I hope someday I'll have to get something to "The Paris Review" by tonight.

And as I have been waiting desperately and anxiously for fall to arrive at the College, I met it full-fledged in New York. I was walking through Chelsea on my way downtown to meet some people at NYU. The wind was whistle-biting my ears off with stinging cold. Finding that my cup of coffee from Dunkin Donuts was empty (the best coffee ever, by the way), I realized that the cold would soon freeze me into an icy art installation. And not a good one at that. So I stopped at the first thrift store I could find and bought a jacket for fifteen dol-lars. And wow if it isn't a sweet jacket. It is amazing, too, how quick and easy it is to find a thrift store when you're walking down W. 23rd as opposed to Jamestown

Road.

Then there was a cappella. One of my partner's roommates has a lot of friends in Reveille, yes, the College's Reveille, and they just so happened to be on their fall tour and singing at a dorm at Columbia. So on a Sunday night in New York City, I got to see Reveille, which is hilarious, considering I haven't been to an a cappella show since sophomore year. And sophomore year it was just because I was friends with a few guys in the Gentlemen.

And we went grocery shopping, but instead of Food Lion or Ukrops, it was an open weekend market at Union Square. We bought some of the most expensive, yet most delicious, milk ever. Also some absolutely killer apple cider that from the sample Dixie cups tasted like one ounce slurps of Holy Water's cider equivalent.

And, just like at the College, I used public transportation.

And, just like at the College, I saw people jogging.

And, just like at the College, I saw a lot of people with white iPod headphones snakeslither-stringing out of their ears.

And, just like at the College, food was overpriced.

And, just like at the College, I

broke down and bought sushi.

And, just like at the College, I didn't buy any wine that was over seven dollars a bottle.

And, just like at the College, I overslept one day and thus forgot my keys. Coincidentally, this last parallel, oversleeping followed by forgetfulness, happened the day I was going back to the College, and the one day of the whole fall break when it probably would have been a really good idea for me to have said keys, seeing as how I got back to campus without a key to my apartment, without a key to my mailbox, without a key to my car and without the really cool shark-shaped keychain I like to play with and pretend it's eating my books. Now I have to wait until Homecoming weekend, this weekend, as a matter of fact, when my partner will be visiting and hopefully not forgetting my keys. After all, if I don't have my car keys, how am I supposed to drive away from Williamsburg on the weekends?

Joe Rippi is a staff columnist. He doesn't really hate the College, but he really believes that one day a snake will slither-slide itself out of a puddle and wrap around his legs, dragging him to a dark colonial drowning death.

Students: get rough with safe, sane S&M tips

I heard a great joke the other night. Okay, it wasn't a particularly funny story, except that the guy who told it to me had heard it from his girlfriend's father. The dad in question apparently asked, "So Mike, I heard you guys are into S&M." While both daughter and boyfriend froze in shock, he went on, "She sleeps and you masturbate, right?"

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS



Kate
Prengaman

spanking and bondage situations to the use of pain to heighten the intensity of feeling during sex.

Technically, the commonly used expression for the complete array of these types of activities is BDSM: bondage discipline sado-masochism. People's sexual preferences can lie anywhere on this spectrum, from whips and masks to simply a "hold on honey, I'm going to take you for a ride tonight" attitude.

The basic principles of BDSM play are issues of control and intensity. However, these types of erotic sex should always be done safely. Don't just grab your partner, tie them up and start spanking them with a paddle. Make sure you both know each other's comfort zones and respect them. Most BDSM books and websites recommend establishing a code for stop, so that if things do ever get uncomfortable for someone, they can end things immediately. Use an easy word, like "red" and always take it seriously and respect it.

I'm sure that right now most of you are thinking, "sex that needs a code for stop? This is too weird. No way would I enjoy that." And it's true, all-out S&M play is a little weird for a lot of people. However, small amounts of the basic ideas of BDSM can add a great kick to most people's sex lives. So don't get grossed out and give up on me yet; keep reading.

People's pain tolerances go up during sex. This is why something that would normally be painful,

like someone biting you, can actually be perceived as pleasurable. For example, during climax, has your partner ever bitten down on your shoulder or scratched your back? At that moment, it feels good; the intense sensation combines with all your other intense sensations to feel even better. Also, that little bite can prove to you that you've made your partner feel a little out of control, which is a nice ego boost.

If this is sounding a little less weird and maybe kind of like some fantasies you have but never really talk about, that's good. To try out a little bit of BDSM play, you could perhaps toss your partner over one knee, and spank them (principal/student role play optional). Bite more, thrust harder, just let things get a little rougher. You'll probably like it.

Communicate with your partner about how rough you can be. It might surprise you, but at the right moments, even a touch that might bruise or leave a scratch later can feel really good. Plus, the hickeys, scratch marks or bruises left the next day are a constant reminder of how much fun you had the night before.

The other main aspect of BDSM sex, the dominant/submissive roles, can sound a little weird to some people. Lots of people think that it would make them uncomfortable to take sexual control of their boyfriend or girlfriend. The key is to make sure you are taking control of your partner, with an emphasis on their pleasure as well as your own. Tie them up and tease them, building up to exactly what they want by not giving it to them right away. This way, you aren't using them, you're taking them to a level of sensation they probably would not get otherwise.

Take turns being in the dominant and submissive roles. Most people tend to enjoy both. It's great to watch your handcuffed partner squirm as you tease them, and go crazy when you give them what they wanted. Being the restrained partner brings a new set of intensities and sensations to your normal feelings.

As always, talk to your partner about what you want from sex and what your fantasies are. BDSM play isn't for everyone, especially in its more intense forms, but some of the key ideas can be used to add a little extra kink to almost everyone's sex life. It can't hurt.

Kate Prengaman is the Flat Hat sex columnist. She's glad her parents have never asked her about S&M.

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PEARL JAM, DEATH CAB, NEIL YOUNG ROCK OHIO FOR FREE WORLD

By JOE RIIPPI
FLAT HAT STAFF WRITER

The drive from Washington D.C. to Toledo, Ohio is about seven hours. One of the concerts on the second night of the Vote for Change tour was starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Toledo Sports Arena. Pearl Jam and Death Cab for Cutie were on the bill.

Vote for Change was a concert tour put together by artists who felt that there is a need for change in the country. They accordingly organized concerts to occur on simultaneous nights in various swing states over the course of just over a week, with all the headliners meeting at the MCI Center in D.C. for the finale last Monday.

On the night I went to see Pearl Jam and Death Cab for Cutie in Toledo, Bruce Springsteen, R.E.M. and Bright Eyes were playing in Cleveland.

We had nowhere to stay the night of the concert, and the idea of driving the seven hours back to my friend's apartment in Arlington after a rowdy Pearl Jam concert was less than appealing. But we went anyway, making it to the small 5,000 capacity arena twenty minutes before showtime.

The lights went down, and Eddie Vedder took the stage with only an electric guitar. He said good evening, and started in with the song "Patriot," while 5,000 hyperbolically enthusiastic fans sang along: "Well I ain't no socialist, and I ain't no communist, and I ain't no democrat, sure as fuck ain't no republican either, I am a patriot and I love my country." The noise and vibrancy of the

crowd pumped like blood through the heart of the concert, and adrenalin was at maximum when Eddie picked up an acoustic and launched into a cover of the Beatles' "You've Got to Hide Your Love Away." There's nothing quite like singing along to the Beatles with Eddie Vedder and 4,999 other ecstatic fans.

Eddie thanked everyone for coming out, said "And that's only the beginning," and introduced Gob Roberts, someone he claimed was a Republican senator from Iowa, but turned out to be a joke, as an old man in a wheel chair was rolled out spouting verbal abuse to the "crazy bleeding hearts" and then faux-electrocuted himself on a microphone. Smoke entered, and the lights came up on a band no one knew or expected, but was fronted by Tim Robbins. Yes, "Shawshank Redemption"/"Bull Durham" Tim Robbins. The one married to Susan Sarandon. And the joke continued through their short four or five song set.

Robbins and company were followed by Death Cab for Cutie, a band I know and love and was seeing for the sixth time (or seventh, if you count a Postal Service show). But this was the first time I'd ever seen Death Cab with the whole arena-lighting thing, and they played songs only from their most recent album, "Transatlanticism," except for "Movie Script Ending," which is from a previous record but also appears on the soundtrack for the new movie, "Wicker Park." It was a decent show, not too memorable after having seen the band in venues of only a couple hundred or so. And really anything that preceded Pearl Jam wasn't going to

be that memorable.

Pearl Jam was incredible, beyond belief, a concert I will never forget. The energy in the small, claustrophobia-inducing arena was intense and it showed as Vedder and Co. launched into their first set. And the crowd knew all the words to all the songs. Classics like "Alive" and "Evenflow" found their way into the set, alongside favorites like "Hail Hail" and "I Am Mine." And "Betterman" was a dream come true, when Eddie started plucking that opening, so recognizable chord change, and stepped away from the mic to let the crowd sing the first verse: "Waiting, watching the clock..." "Evenflow" came at the end of the set and probably took about 12 minutes to get through with all the incredible virtuosity by guitarists Mike McCready and Stone Gossard. I learned the meaning behind clichéd statements like, "The music left me breathless," because I really could barely breathe I was so excited.

The band came back after chairs had been set up and then played a short acoustic set that was highlighted with "Elderly Woman Behind the Counter in

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COURTESY PHOTOS + PEARL JAM AND DEATH CAB FOR CUTIE

Pearl Jam (ABOVE) and Death Cab For Cutie (LEFT) were just two of the bands involved in the nationwide Vote for Change tour. Bruce Springsteen, Dave Matthews Band and R.E.M. were among some of the other acts featured.

Dramatic 'Windows' tugs at heatstrings



COURTESY PHOTO + SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

Lorenzo (Raoul Bova) and Giovanna (Giovanna Mezzogiorno) in Ferzan Ozpetek's new "Facing Windows."

By SCOTT HOFFMAN
FLAT HAT STAFF WRITER

The Holocaust, a homosexual love affair, voyeurism, unrequited love, the passion of cooking — if all of these subject matters have proven themselves worthy of carrying an entire film, then the question must be asked: why does Ferzan Ozpetek's "Facing Windows" feel the need to include them all to support itself? Not only does the film encompass all of these, but their compilation presents no new angle or perspective on any of the issues at hand. In addition to the lack of original subject matter or original outlook, this film includes many scenes of obligation — scenes that have worked in so many other films in evoking emotions and forcefully moving the plot along — as opposed to creating genuine moments, which occur within the natural flow of the picture. Ultimately this film proves to be nothing more than an Italian melodrama, concerned more with the manipulation of the audience than with presenting a focused examination that will

trust itself enough to allow it to move the audience, without any clever devices. Nevertheless, this film managed to sweep Italy's version of the Oscars and despite all of its faults the audience walks away with smiles on their faces, believing that they have seen a very "nice" movie. How has "Facing Windows" accomplished this?

One thing is clear: it does not achieve this objective through the storytelling. The tale begins promisingly enough: An apprentice baker struggles with and kills his employer in Rome in 1943, and running away from the scene, leaves his bloody hand print on the wall. The print slowly fades as the camera pans to reveal the modern day. The seamlessness of this transition makes the viewer hope for something inventive, original, possibly an Italian "Amelie" (though there can truly be only one), but alas it is not to be.

Instead, the story opens on the all too familiar scene of Filippo and Giovanna (Filippo Nigro and

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Blue Talon's inspired bistro fare delights

By DAN SCHUMACHER
FLAT HAT EDITOR

French without the haughtiness, elegant without the exclusivity, the Blue Talon Bistro is a solid hit in a town filled with excellent restaurants. Patrons are treated to inspired desserts, engaging entrées and

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The relaxed atmosphere, with its open architecture and friendly decorations

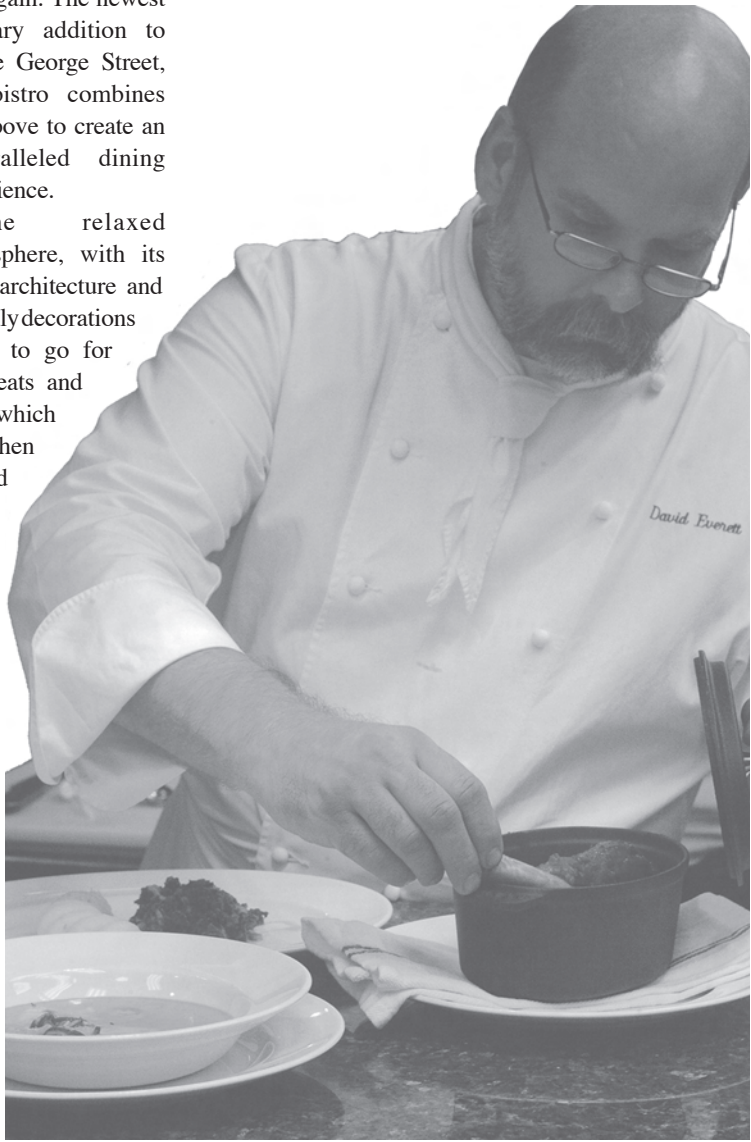
make the Blue Talon a great place to go for casual dining. Comfortable wicker seats and benches give diners a vantage with which to see most of the restaurant. The kitchen has windows into the restaurant and is visible from the street — with the entire cooking process visible to patrons and the public, diners can be sure that everything in the copper-and-stainless-steel kitchen is as it should be: spotlessly clean.

The only aspects that detract from the overall ambiance are the noise level and the large flat screen televisions hanging above the bar. The televisions show gourmet cuisine being made by the likes of the late Julia Child, and while amazing, they distract from the otherwise elegant surroundings.

Cuisine prepared by Head Chef David Everett is hearty and delicious. With standard entrées ranging from \$8.75 to \$16.25 and more expensive and du jour entrees averaging around \$19, the pricing is

perfect for budget-crunched students in need of a break from campus dining. The cuisine itself is extraordinary in taste and variety, with choices ranging from rotisserie herb-roasted chicken and fresh pasta in a tomato confit cream sauce to grilled pigeon with mushroom risotto and sautéed calf's liver. Thursday's plate of the day, Cag au vin, chicken braised in red wine with pearl onions and mushrooms, is a filling, heart-warming entrée and

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SARAH HIRSH + THE FLAT HAT

Virginia Woolf, Karate prove surprisingly poetic blend

CRITICAL CONDITION



Lindsay Randall

Virginia Woolf would have loved Karate.

It is truly such a shame that she is not around to hear Geoff Farina croon "I knew a love that could scare all the wings off the doves, outside my window as they stretch out their lungs." She never heard his voice softly speak lines of intricate, evocative poetry that reminds me of the time she once penned the lines "The image in a pool on a still summer's day is like the vivid flushed face that hangs over it."

She never heard his long, meandering guitar solos that reminisce of her own wandering passages of narrative. She never heard those long beautiful ballads that represent one long memory of a time that will never be re-lived, a theme she herself explored in "Moments of Being." Woolf never heard her own novels put to music; she never heard the monumental album "Some Boots."

Only Geoff Farina could pull it off. The lead singer, guitarist, and frontman for Karate and the Secret Stars, this middle-aged musician

has written more songs full of lazy angels and grass-stained corduroy that any modern lyricist. His ability to take an image as cliché as a sunrise and turn it into "At first glance it's like this place is on fire, but it's just time for this dew to expire," puts him on par with any fine poet of the 20th century. The man can sing about ziploc bags and it's gorgeous; he can sing lines that make no sense and you're still swooning from phrases like "strange new days striated with strain".

Farina, in true Woolf-style, lets his thoughts guide his words. He writes in lengthy lines of often disconnected thought... "What's left for us this spring besides scratched-out corduroy?

Well, like it or not, the locusts come from spring.

All your plans are shot, and that stock's not worth a thing.

Like it or not, the neighbors yell when we sing together."

And Farina's soft vocal style is the perfect

lover for his stream-of-consciousness lyrics. His melodies are simple, never involving more than four pitches, and almost spoken over the music. The vocal sound is all blues and lavenders, more supple and soft than the sweetest female voice.

But Karate will not send you to sleep. Their music is an amazing fusion of indie rock and impeccable jazz, played by the Berklee-educated Gavin McCarthy (drums) and Jeff Goddard (bass). The songs range from exhilarating, rhythm-fueled blues-rock to warm, lethargic lullabies. Each song lasts more than five minutes, allowing plenty of time for instrumental solos and melodic wanderings.

Farina often finds a melody that evokes every emotion in the world and simply uses it over and over. But the effect is far from repetitive; the music is constantly emotional and constantly building. Sometimes a song will take you on a wrenching journey that explodes your heart and glues all the pieces back together by the end ("Corduroy"). Sometimes you will

find yourself lulled into dwelling on the past ("Remain Relaxed") and sometimes you will find yourself singing to the windshield wipers and banging on the steering wheel ("Ice or Ground?").

"The sound seems to fall through an elastic, gummy air; which holds it up; the quality of air ... seemed to suspend sound, to let it sink down slowly as if it were caught in a blue gummy veil." Not the words of a critic, but words from Virginia Woolf. She may not have meant it to refer to a group of jazz-rock musicians in the 90's, but it is almost as if she describes the exquisite quality of Karate's music. It is almost as if she knew, years before, that someone would produce the amazing sound as if "caught in a blue gummy veil." And Karate has done it in "Some Boots."

When I look at the work of Farina and Woolf side by side, I hope that, if times were different, the delicate writer and the

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HIGH NOTES
Flood — **They Might Be Giants**

Maybe not their best album (and definitely not their most idiosyncratic), They Might Be Giants' 1990 "Flood" is probably the one you've heard at least one of their songs from: either the hop-scotching, infinitely cute "Birdhouse in Your Soul" or the historically informative "Istanbul (Not Constantinople)" or the juvenile battle of "Partical Man." TMBG always hover between manic creativity and irritation — "Flood" is a nice intro.

— *compiled by kyle meikle*

BILLBOARD TOP 10

1. *Feels Like Today* — **Rascal Flatts**
2. *Hilary Duff* — **Hilary Duff**
3. *Goodies* — **Ciara**
4. *American Idiot* — **Green Day**
5. *Suit* — **Nelly**
6. *In Love and Death* — **The Used**
7. *Genius Loves Company* — **Ray Charles**
8. *Sweat* — **Nelly**
9. *Lest We Forget: The Best Of* — **Marilyn Manson**
10. *Live Like You Were Dying* — **Tim McGraw**

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Giovanna Mezzogiorno), a bickering husband and wife, clearly comfortable in their position, but unsatisfied with how their lives have evolved. They meet a mysterious stranger (Massimo Girotti), who can only remember the name Simone, and, though reluctantly at first, Filippo and Giovanna welcome him into their home. Through the unraveling of who he is, they come to understand more about life, love, dreams and all that other pseudo-epiphinal rut. There is also the young debonair neighbor, Lorenzo

(Raoul Bova), a man who is everything Filippo is not, and who wavers between charming voyeur and creepy stalker (depending on one's point of view), but who nevertheless reignites Giovanna's passion. Two questions remain: will she choose passion over obligation, and how could one possibly leave the theatre feeling satisfied with what should be deemed mere triteness?

The answer can be found through the performances. Each character knows the specific role they are supposed to play — including the supporting ones such as the lewd, but sweet and overweight confidant or the know-it-all, yet cute, kids — and none of them leave anything to be desired. However, none of

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HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP

Lohan lashes out

Hottest barely legal celeb ever Lindsay Lohan has become, um, "ample" fodder for gossip columnists and paparazzi everywhere since her rise to fame with this year's "Mean Girls" (Does she really hate Hilary Duff? Is her dad really crazy? Are they or aren't they real?) and the stress is finally getting the better of her. The 18-year-old actress, who's currently recording an as yet untitled pop album, called into a Los Angeles radio show this week to complain about the "upsetting" rumors.



Crowe wants Kidman?

Down under actor Russell Crowe was apparently so eager to have an Australian co-star in his latest film "Eucalyptus" that actress Bryce Dallas Howard (daughter of Ron) was dropped from the project last month in favor of searching for an Aussie match. It now seems that walkabout babe Nicole Kidman will be filling the role in director Jocelyn Moorhouse's adaptation of Murray Bail's novel, set in New South Wales — you guessed it — Australia. Shooting will begin early next year.

McGregor rides for charity

One more reason to love Ewan McGregor: the sexy Scot just finished a three month motorbike ride spanning 12 countries in order to raise money for the Children's Hospice Association Scotland. The actor, who made the trip with fellow actor Charley Boorman, will be appointed a Unicef UK ambassador for his charity work, which included stopping off at three Unicef projects in the Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Mongolia. He said the ride left him feeling "rejuvenated."



Paris gets booed

Continuing her award-winning streak of public embarrassment ("One Night In Paris," anyone?), party-hearty socialite Paris Hilton was booed off stage in Miami last week after trying to make the transition from amateur sex tape queen to verifiable pop star. No such luck: the crowd didn't take well to her debut single, "Screwed" (nudge, nudge) or her cover of David Bowie's "Fame" as well as a Blondie tune.



— *compiled by kyle meikle*

them leave the audience wanting more either, except one, whose performance nearly justifies the price of admission. Naturally, it is Simone, the type of role given to actors near the end of their careers (Massimo Girotti died shortly after completing the picture) as reward for their years of solid craftsmanship that is almost guaranteed to win accolades.

Yet here the praise and awards are truly deserved. Mr. Girotti faces the difficult task of creating a role of built on clichés and is expected to breathe life, humor, warmth, anguish and passion into them, with the role a Holocaust survivor longing for his lost love and suffering from amnesia as motivation. Yet one performance would still not be enough to justify the acclaim the entire picture is getting, and, surprisingly enough, what carries the film through it are the scenes of obligation, which the audience should be shaking their heads at for how familiar they are, but instead only nod approvingly, because

of how familiar they are. There is a reason why reflections of lovers in windows, a race down the stairs in an attempt to plead for the love of one's life to stay, or cooking scenes, where the audience can practically taste the confections, appear in so many other films: they work. Plain and simple, their goal is to manipulate the audience, and they succeed, because it is so easy to fall hook, line and sinker for them. Each obligatory scene brings with it a history of the scenes before, and instead of feeling trite, it feels comfortable. It doesn't even matter that the overblown music, whether instrumental or foreign pop, is dictating what should be felt, rather than evoking the emotion on its own; that too feels as if it belongs in the scene.

Though it is wonderful when films raise questions and evoke meaningful discussions afterwards, the least they can do is entertain, and "Facing Windows," clichés and all, accomplishes that.

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a Small Town" and "Thumbing my Way." Fans of the band's first album will be happy to hear that they also played an incredible version of "Black."

But the best part was still to come, as after the acoustic set finished, three chairs were set up at the front of the stage, a sure sign that a special guest was about to come out. Who was it? Oh yeah.

Neil Young and his wife. You've never heard such a scream as what erupted out of that arena when Neil, Peggy and Eddie launched into the Young classic, "Harvest Moon."

But if Neil Young shows up to a Pearl Jam show, everyone knows "Keep on Rockin' in the Free World" is sure as hell going to be played, but that didn't happen until after Peter Dinklage stepped onto the stage to play along with Pearl Jam and Neil through ten to fifteen minutes of Bob Dylan's "All Along the Watchtower." Young and Vedder didn't even start singing the song until five minutes into it, as McCready and Frampton and

Young were just soloing away, while Vedder breathed out of his signature bottle of red wine on the side of the stage.

Two Neil songs and about half and hour later, Young reminded us all to go out and vote, because this is the most important election most of us have ever seen. And then "Keep on Rockin in the Free World" began, the crowd sang, Neil sang, Vedder sang, the lights went up, the crowd pumped its fists, the heavens rejoiced. It was amazing, incredible, so good that my friend and I kept saying to each other the whole night, "Dude, we just saw Neil Young and Pearl Jam!"

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contemplative singer would have been soulmates. Where Woolf writes "And there she stands, silent, with her plate of strawberries and cream" ("Moments of Being"), Farina responds with "She walks quick, fresh, with clean, black crease, and navigates this mess with protected ease" ("South"). Virginia speaks of "Arlington Street and Piccadilly seemed to chafe the very air in the Park and lift its leaves hotly, brilliantly, on waves of that divine vitality" ("Mrs. Dalloway"). Geoff told her that "Today the grass is like another green, straight from heaven's garden, like you've never seen" ("Airport").

Karate has a sound that would move the most stoic of statues. Their music is filled with all the comfort and strain of jazz, with all the angst and smiles of rock, and with all the beauty and oddity of an encounter with Virginia Woolf.

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a clear winner. The cast-iron pot containing the concoction makes the meal somewhat awkward to eat, but the tender juicy chicken is worth it. Save room for dessert. While the main courses are artful, the finishing touches are positively inspired. Bold yet still seemingly subtle, the warm pear tart with black pepper (yes, black pepper) ice cream was the shining star of this reviewer's Blue Talon experience. While an unusual choice, the black pepper ice cream adds an unexpected (yet not unwelcome) kick to the smooth mellowness of the pear.

The only major negative aspect of

the Blue Talon was their inattentive wait staff. This reviewer's server, who seemed to be very involved with her other tables, only visited the table four times during the course of the two hour meal; once for drinks, once for the order and twice for the check. Perhaps she was busy or more concerned with high-rolling tourists, but when drinks are empty for long periods of time it is only polite to ask whether they would like something else.

Overall, The Blue Talon is perhaps the best place in the Merchants' Square area to go for a quality dinner with parents or a hot date. Its open, spacious atmosphere, low price tag and casual attitude make it an attractive alternative to the Trellis and the Fat Canary.

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10 Questions with: Steve Christie



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By MIKE SHERMAN
THE FLAT HAT

In W&M's long and proud football tradition, perhaps its finest professional product is Steve Christie, '90. Christie set virtually every school scoring record as the Tribe's place kicker in addition to being an All-American punter. Steve's pro career includes 15 years with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Buffalo Bills, San Diego Chargers and now the New York Giants. His professional accomplishments are endless. He ranks 14th on the NFL's all-time scoring list, holds the Super Bowl record for longest field goal and has kicked the third-longest field goal in NFL history. Steve Christie talked about his football career with The Flat Hat's Mike Sherman.

Steve Christie in a Nutshell

Graduated W&M: 1990
Team: New York Giants
Position: Kicker
Born: Nov. 13, 1967
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 195 lbs.
NFL Experience: 15 years
Past Teams: Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the San Diego Chargers
Signed to Giants: Sept. 7, 2004
Only Injury: Sept. 8, 2001
NFL All-Time Scoring List Ranking: 14th

It's Coach Jimmye Laycock's 25th season: What are your memories of playing under him?

I believe I came in on his 10th season, which is very rare for coaches because of the turnover that comes with the job, so that alone was a great accomplishment. For him to be there 25 years is just incredible.

You played on some fine teams at W&M. What's the biggest kick you ever made at the College?

I hit a 53-yarder against [University of] Delaware. I'm not sure of the year, but that was in the fourth quarter, and it turned out to be the game winner [as well as a school record for longest field goal].

You were the punter as well as the kicker at W&M. Why do you think there are so few athletes that perform both tasks today?

I think there are so few, especially in the pros, because everything is so specialized. Guys are so big today that the traditional kicker is too small to punt the ball. I'm six feet, but I can't get the leverage on the ball that some of these other bigger, squattier guys get. It's mostly because of how specialized everything is today.

You were also part of the 1988 team that went over to Tokyo to play a team of Japanese All-Stars (a game the Tribe won 73-3). What do you recall about that experience?

The Emperor Hirohito had just passed away, so we were there at a historical time, and it really affected the turnout. I think 40,000 people were supposed to come out and only 11,000 ended up being there, as the country was in a state of mourning. Let's put it this way, it wasn't really about football, but it was a very neat experience, and I had a great time.

Moving on to your pro career, you're 14th on the all-time scoring list, you own every notable Bill's scoring record and you've kicked in the Super Bowl. What is left for you to accomplish?

I'd like to move a little bit further up that list, but the one thing I'd really like to do is to hit one more field goal in overtime. I believe I'm tied with Cincinnati's Jim Breech with nine for the all-time lead, so that would [be] cool to do one more time.

Your longest career field goal is 59 yards, four shy of the NFL record. What's the longest field goal you ever made in practice?

[Laughs]. In training camp, with a snapper and a holder, I made a 71-yard field goal, but I haven't tried that in a long time, if you know what I mean.

What was it like to be the guy that succeeded Scott Norwood (the former Buffalo Bills Kicker who missed a game-winning field goal in Super Bowl XXV)?

It was tough because he had done a lot in the community and was well-respected and had done a good job for years in Buffalo. Unfortunately, he'll always be remembered for one kick, but he was a class act. He did play another year after that Super Bowl and made some big kicks, but when I was competing against him in training camp, it was clear that he was ready to move on.

When you signed with the Giants, Tom Coughlin said a big reason why he chose you was because of your history of kicking in cold weather. Is your ability to kick in tough conditions something you take pride in?

You learn to deal with it. I played my high school ball up in Canada, although not a lot of it, so it was important to go to a school like W&M where I could keep



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Tribe player races down the field trying to outrun his opponent in order to get the ball in a game this season.

Tribe fiercely defends their goal

By HEATHER IRELAND
FLAT HAT STAFF WRITER

This past weekend, the men's soccer team improved their record to 7-2-3 overall after tying Hofstra University, 1-1, and defeating Drexel University, 2-1.

"We obviously would have liked to come away with two wins this weekend; however, every team, good or bad, is going to have some tough games," sophomore goalkeeper Kris Rake said.

Sunday's game was a fast-paced, high-contact match in which the Tribe took an early lead with a goal by senior back Bryan Hinkle. Drexel tied the score 20 minutes later, followed by several of close calls, including a one-handed save by Rake and a ball bouncing off the crossbar of W&M's goal. The game remained tied, however, until the 83rd minute when redshirt freshman midfielder Ryan Overdevest made his first career goal.

"I think that one of our biggest improvements this year is that we have 15 or 16 guys that can come in and really make a difference," Rake said. He has not allowed more than two goals per game this season.

Friday, the Tribe went up against Hofstra and appeared to be evenly matched for most of the game, as the score remained tied at zero, until the last minute of regulation time. The goal was assailed with three consecutive shots in rapid succession, the first two of which were blocked by Rake. The third made its way into the net with one minute left to play. Not to be outdone, a tremendous Tribe team effort resulted in sophomore back Chris Rodd scoring his first career goal with just 37 seconds left on the board.

"Our bench goes very deep, and we will never stop fighting," senior forward Brannon Thomas said. "I believe our goals can come from any number of players which makes it difficult for a team to stop us from scoring."

With nine different players scoring so far this season, the depth of the team is obvious, but it is also disadvantageous to the team that there are no players with the ability to break out and score. Fortunately, the team has a strong defensive strategy that limits the amount of shots taken on goal, and with Rake in goal, the number of shots scored by the opposition is also held to a minimum.

"Our personnel just seem to be better suited for defense," Head Coach Chris Norris said.

The team has a good idea of its strengths and weaknesses and has the mentality to buckle down and work toward improvement. They have come a long way since the beginning of the season and have worked hard before, during and after games to make sure the progress continues.

"We play to our advantages quite well while embracing the things we are weaker at and making them better through practice and experience," senior captain Hinkle said.

All conference games are tough and although the Tribe is not winning all of their games, they fight hard and have come up from behind to tie teams, simply refusing to give up.

"While we always would have rather won, it took a lot of heart and a great effort for us to tie up the game in the last minute against Hofstra," Hinkle said of Friday's game. "I think it really showed our tenacity."

The men's soccer team is currently ranked third in the Colonial Athletic Association with a conference record of 2-1-1. Players continue to receive accolades for their many accomplishments, including both Overdevest and redshirt freshman Michael Yakovac, who were named CAA Men's Soccer Rookies of the Week. Rake received the honor of ECAC Goalkeeper of the Week and was named to the Soccer America Team of the Week. The team obviously has what it takes to come out on top by the end of regulation season as they continue to pour everything they have into each of their games.

"Although each game will be difficult, since we have not yet shown the ability to break out and put away other teams," Norris said, "I would rather coach this team with character and a knack for coming out in close games."

Tension rises between Yankees — Red Sox rivalry

FROM THE SIDELINES



Stephen Replenski

And so it happens again: the New York Yankees are battling the Boston Red Sox for the American League Championship Series. The Red Sox will attempt to avenge the knockout blow that ex-Yankee Aaron Boone put on Boston in last year's post season.

The series began in New York Tuesday night as Curt Schilling took the mound for Boston, facing hurler Mike Mussina. Before the season began, Schilling made comments regarding the 86-year-old curse hovering over the heads of the Sox. He told the press that he was coming to Boston to end the famed Curse of the Bambino.

He did anything but back up those words Tuesday, as he gave up six runs off of six hits in the first three innings. Signs appeared throughout Yankee Stadium with witty sayings such as "Curt Shelling" emblazoned on them.

As the Yankees were "shelling" him, the nickname couldn't have been more true. He walked two batters and had only one strikeout in those first three innings.

The hits didn't stop there, as the Yankees ended up with 14 hits over the eight innings they batted, scoring 10 runs to blow open Game 1.

Pitching also turned out to be stellar for the Yankees, as Mike Mussina was on his way to a perfect game until Mark Bellhorn doubled off the left-field wall in the bottom of the sixth inning. Mussina didn't walk a single batter and struck out eight in six and two-thirds innings.

Hideki Matsui got the Yankees going with an ALCS record five RBIs on three hits. Just as the Red Sox began to show some life, scoring seven runs in the seventh and eighth innings to bring the game within a run, Bernie Williams

showed once again how clutch he can be. The long-time Yankee drove in three runs, two of which came in the bottom of the eighth inning by way of a double, extending the Yankee lead to three runs.

Mariano Rivera, after arriving at the game late from Panama, completed the game by shutting down the Red Sox in the top of the ninth inning. He had a great performance, although many people did not know how he would fare after the past week's events. Two of his family members recently died by way of electrocution in a pool back in his homeland, Panama.

Rivera showed up late looking rather distressed, getting hugs from teammates. It wasn't obvious that he would be able to pitch the closing spot in his normal dominating fashion. But he got the call to go to the mound at the end of the eighth inning, he put his game face on and

gave up no runs to preserve the Yankee victory in this all-important series.

The series will continue through Oct. 20 if a seventh game is necessary. The excitement from Game 1 should continue throughout the series with many mini-sagas in each clubhouse.

Can the Yankees pitching staff stay as strong as it was in Game 1 shutting down the power of the Red Sox? Will the Red Sox' strong pitching prove to be too little against the Yankees' offense? Will Rivera continue his strong closing? Will A-Rod be a major factor in this series, and will he haunt the Red Sox for not signing him? Will the curse continue? Who will the hero be? Only the October baseball gods know.

Stephen Replenski is the sports columnist for The Flat Hat. He is anxious about the outcome of the series.

Women’s Ultimate Frisbee

Life Sports: Get Involved

— compiled by chris adams



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ALL: Members of the Women’s Ultimate Frisbee team show a strong team effort in competitive play. This club sport practices three times a week and competes in tournaments in the fall and spring.

– Women’s Ultimate Frisbee has had a strong showing in the past five years. The team won second at Sectionals in Spring 2004.

– This club sport is relaxed but competitive. Even though tournaments can last all day, celebrations after the game make up for the hard work involved.

Captains:

Theresa Owen

Kate Zimmerman

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Jen Wilson

– Ultimate Frisbee does not have referees to regulate games. Team members are on their honor to play fairly

PRACTICES:

Tuesdays: 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesdays: 3 to 5 p.m.

Thursdays: 3:30 to 6 p.m.

– Not suprisingly, one of the team’s biggest rivals is the University of Virginia

– Other tough competitors include the University of Richmond and Mary Washington University

– The Women’s Ultimate Frisbee will host the Colonial Huck Oct. 30 on Dillard Field.

– The club will also participate in a yet-to-be-named tournament Nov. 13-14.

– In spring 2005, Women’s Ultimate Frisbee will play in four or five tournaments. These tournaments lead to sectional and regional play.

– Information in this section compliments of Christen Bradley of the Women’s Ultimate Frisbee team



BOX SCORES

Women’s Golf

Nittany Lion Invitational, 11th of 15 teams

Oct. 2 to 3

Men’s Golf

Joe Agee Invitational, 2nd of 17 teams

Oct. 4 to 5

Volleyball

Delaware, L 2-3

Hofstra, L 2-3

George Mason, W 3-0

Towson, L 0-3

Oct. 1

Oct. 2

Oct. 8

Oct. 9

Men’s Cross Country

Great American Festival, 3rd of 19 teams

Oct. 1

Football

Northeastern, W 38-35 (OT)

Liberty, W 37-17

Oct. 2

Oct. 9

Women’s Cross Country

Notre Dame Invitational, 6th of 24 teams

Oct. 1

Women’s Soccer

George Mason, W 3-0

James Madison, T 0-0

Old Dominion, L 1-2 (OT)

Oct. 1

Oct. 3

Oct. 7

Men’s Soccer

Virginia Commonwealth, L 1-2

University of North Carolina, Wilmington, W 2-1

Hofstra, T 1-1 (2 OT)

Drexel, W 2-1

Oct. 1

Oct. 3

Oct. 8

Oct. 10

Field Hockey

Drexel, W 4-2

Hofstra, W 5-1

Delaware, W 3-2

Towson, W 1-0

Oct. 1

Oct. 3

Oct. 8

Oct. 10

DID YOU KNOW ...

The official term for a frisbee is “flying disc”

Sports

Calendar

Oct. 16 to Oct. 22

— compiled by tracy hansen

Saturday

♦ If you only come to one football game all year, make it this one. The Tribe plays the University of Rhode Island at Zable Stadium at 1 p.m. for their Homecoming game. If you want to get out earlier to show your Tribe Pride, come cheer on the men’s and women’s cross country teams for their Tribe Open at 11:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. respectively.

Sunday

♦ The men’s golf team completes the Big Five Invitational in Philadelphia, Pa. that began Saturday. The men’s soccer team plays Towson University in Towson, Md. at 2 p.m.

Monday

♦ Waynesville, N.C. welcomes the women’s golf team for the Great Smokie Intercollegiate, which finishes Tuesday.

Tuesday

♦ Join or watch the women’s ultimate team practice from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Busch Grass or the men’s team from 3:30 to 6 p.m. at the IM Field.

Wednesday

♦ Men’s tennis serves off at the ITA Mideast Region Championship in Chapel Hill, N.C., which will be their home through Sunday Oct. 24th.

Thursday

♦ The lacrosse team vies against Old Dominion University at 7 p.m. in Norfolk, Va.

Friday

♦ Cheer on the field hockey team at their game against Virginia Commonwealth University at 7 p.m. at Busch Field or the women’s soccer team at their CAA game against Hofstra University at 4 p.m.

If you would like your sport (varsity, club or intramural) to appear on the sports calendar, e-mail fhsprt@wm.edu by 5 p.m. Wednesday.

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Golf places second at Invite

By Patrick Rainey
Flat Hat Staff Writer

At the Joe Agee Invitational, named for long-time Tribe coach Joe Agee, the three through five players responded, helping the Tribe end the 17-team tournament in second place with an 877, six strokes behind Rutgers University. Senior Tim Pemberton led the squad with his second-runner-up finish in the last three tournaments of the year. Both times Pemberton has been second by one stroke. While Pemberton said he is not upset with second, he knows he will break through soon.

“It’s always frustrating losing by only one shot, and being so close and then going home with second place,” Pemberton said. “I always try to put myself in position to win in every tournament. I know I’ll win sooner or later it’s just a matter of time. Once I win the first one this season I may not lose again.”

Senior Gary Barton also had a strong showing, finishing sixth; he led the tournament in birdies, (13). “If you would have told me I was going to be 9-under-par on the par-4s, I would have said I was going to win the tournament,” Barton said. “Unfortunately, I made some good swings that did not turn out very well.” Behind Pemberton and Barton, there was a strong Tribe contingent at the Joe Agee Invitational. Sophomore Matt Brantingham jumped 17 places on the final day with a 1-over 73, finishing in a tie for 13th. Fellow sophomore Hunter Watts ended tied for 16th at 224. Rounding off the sophomore triumvirate, Ryan Price ended the tournament with a 76, tying for 28th. Because the Joe Agee Invitational was hosted by the Tribe, the

remaining men’s roster was able to compete individually. This opportunity allowed for several strong showings. Senior Tom McGinn rebounded from a poor showing at Navy to tie for 16th, the highest finish of those playing individually. Perhaps the most encouraging finish was that of freshman Jay Sutton. In his first collegiate tournament, Sutton closed with a 74 to finish tied for 25th. While rough weather conditions forced scores up in the final round, the Tribe was ready. They had bad weather experience from their previous tournament, Depaul’s John Dallio Memorial.

“The tough weather at DePaul was a big help,” Pemberton said. “It reminded me to be patient and realize that the scores from the field wouldn’t be as low as in the previous days.”

At DePaul’s John Dallio Memorial Tournament, W&M men’s golf tied for third place with an 890. Southern Illinois University won the 13-team tournament with a total of 879. Barton led the Tribe at DePaul, finishing tenth overall. Barton entered the third round only three shots back, but the inclement weather conditions resulted in a 9-over 81. Pemberton, who also started the tournament well, shooting 71 and 69, struggled to an 84 on the final day, finishing tied for 24th.

“The last round at DePaul wasn’t much fun,” Pemberton said. “I got off to a terrible start and couldn’t turn anything around.”

Freshman Ryan Price, who finished 17th at 6-over par, led the strong 3-4-5 play at DePaul. Sophomore Hunter Watts closed with an 8-over par to end tied for 31st. Sophomore Matt Brantingham also shot an 80 to finish tied for 55th. While the Tribe was not able to achieve an individual or team first place finish in either tournament, there were many signs of the team’s improvement.

“It’s only time now before one or both us win and help the team to a victory,” Barton said. “We both have put ourselves in position three straight times to win a tournament with no success. Winning is not easy, but we are close.”

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kicking. To go from Tampa Bay, where I played my first two years as a pro, to Buffalo, it was something I had to get used to, the wind, snow, whatever. It was a challenge.

In the preseason, everyone had written off the Giants, you have to be feeling pretty good about yourselves at 4-1.

Yeah, we’re pretty happy. We’ve got a bye this week, and then we get

to play a good team in the Detroit Lions, so that will be another good test. I don’t think anyone predicted us to do anything this year, so in some ways I think it’s better to be the underdog. As long as we keep playing hard we’ll be fine.

Even though you’ve had such a long and great career, do you look at guys like Gary Anderson and Morten Andersen (both over 44 years old) and think, There’s no reason I couldn’t play football for seven or eight more years?

Sometimes I look at those guys and think it’s great, and sometimes I look at them and think they’re crazy. Both Gary and Morten, both of them are class guys who have done a tremendous job over the years, and the longevity only adds to that. As for me, I’m kicking off now, but I don’t think I’ll be doing that much longer. I’m 37, and at this point in my career I think this will be my last year kicking off. If all I have to do is kick field goals, that’s something I’m very comfortable doing. If the opportunity is there, it’s something I’ll be interested in.

Volleyball: one win from conference

By Carl Siegmund
The Flat Hat

The volleyball team is sitting within striking distance of advancing to the upper half of the CAA standings just before midseason. Last weekend, the team beat fourth place George Mason University 3-0, but fell to first place Towson University 0-3. Currently they are one game out of fourth place and a spot in the conference tournament. Expectations remain high.

Head Coach Debbie Hill believes the season will go down to the wire, and that the Tribe has a good opportunity to advance into the postseason conference championship.

“It appears that Towson may have a lock on the first place position, but then positions two, three and four in the conference championship are going to be a complete dog fight for those three positions with five teams that are 2-6 right now,” Hill said.

Junior outside hitter Kate Woffindin is optimistic, and instead of talking about turning the season around, she believes the team is headed in the right direction.

“Everyone is still confident and focused on achieving the high standards we set for ourselves,” Woffindin said.

Hill hopes that the team will create some momentum heading into the final stretch of the season, but knows her team will have to develop more consistency first.

“The team that gets the momentum rolling is the team that is going to be successful,” Hill said. “One of our sub-goals has been to reduce what we call ‘strings.’ Sometimes we have strings where we play really great, and then sometimes we will have strings where we have two, three or four errors in a row leading to eight point runs against us. Our goal is to cut down on the runs that teams make against us by a combination of focus and cutting down on our errors.”

Woffindin echoed her coach’s goals.

“We always have flashes of some



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The volleyball players celebrate team solidarity in a game this season.

amazing volleyball, and hopefully soon we’ll be able to play at that level all the time,” Woffindin said.

Against George Mason (8-5, 3-2 CAA) the Tribe snapped a three-game losing streak and got a win against a quality CAA opponent. Woffindin had 11 kills as the team recorded a .183 hitting percentage with 45 kills and 22 errors on 126 total errors. George Mason hit .115.

Look ahead

Who: Virginia Commonwealth University
Date: Today
Where: W&M Hall
Time: 7 p.m.



The Tribe (10-8, 2-3 CAA) came out strong, hitting a blistering .267 and .227 in games one and two respectively, and the defense thwarted the George Mason offense. In the third game George Mason rallied to tie the match at 29, but junior outside hitter Mandy Mayo put the Tribe up for good at 32-31, and a George Mason attack error ended the match at 33-31.

Junior libero Erin Simmons led

the Tribe with nine digs while Tribe senior setter Amy Owens recorded 34 assists and seven digs.

Last Saturday the Tribe fell to top-ranked and undefeated Towson (14-6, 5-0 CAA) 0-3. Three Towson Tigers players had double digit kills. As a team, Towson hit .208, while the Tribe hit .061 with 34 kills and 26 errors on 132 total attacks. Despite having a lower hitting percentage, W&M was competitive for all three games, losing 22-30, 27-30 and 21-30.

Towson took an early 1-0 lead after winning the first game 30-22 with a .429 hitting percentage. They had 21 kills and only three errors on 42 total attacks. The Tribe appeared to be in control during the second game with an 18-10 lead but Towson came storming back to take a 21-20 lead and never looked back. In the match Towson hit .000, while the Tribe hit -.081 with seven kills and 10 errors on 37 total attacks.

“I think we learned a lot from our loss to Towson,” Hill said. “We learned that we can play with them. The first two games we were completely right there on the court with them.”

Towson is the favorite to win the conference, and they are off to a strong start, but W&M showed they could play competitively and hold their own.

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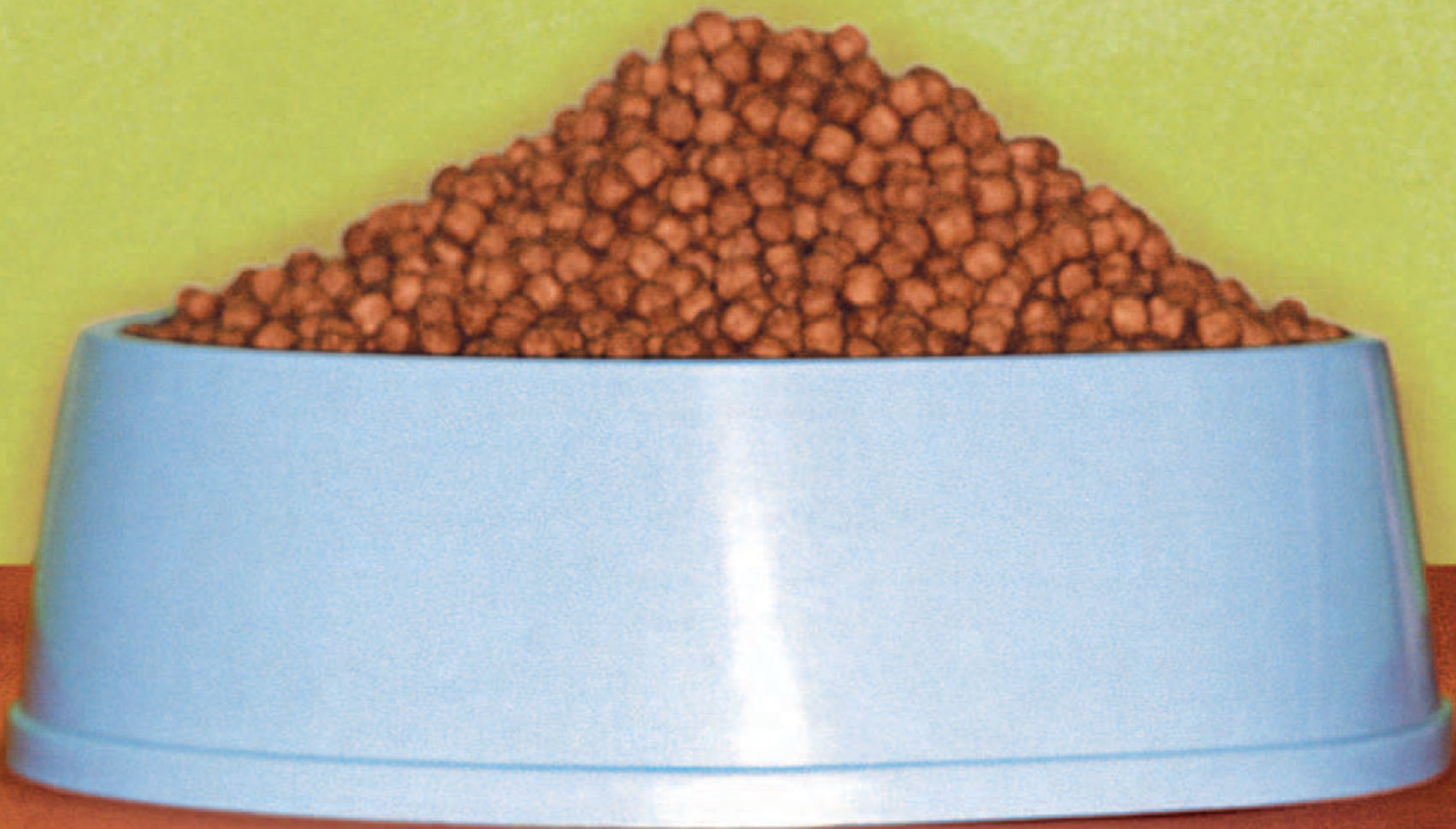
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